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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6100**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1191

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 16, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Construction of Toll Plazas.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Pelath

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill prohibits the construction of a toll plaza in a nonattainment area after December 31, 2003.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2004 (retroactive).

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The specific fiscal impact is dependent upon action taken by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) as it relates to full implementation of this proposal. The nonattainment area encompasses much of northwest Indiana

*Background Information:* There appear to be two issues surrounding toll barriers. One is the moving of a toll barrier from Portage further east that is under consideration by the INDOT. The INDOT says that this move is to address environmental concerns, potential loss of Toll Road revenue (although no specific dollar amount has been mentioned), traffic flow, and congestion issues at the current Portage barrier.

The other is the Electronic Toll Collection System (ETCS). This system allows vehicles to pass through the toll barrier without stopping. The INDOT contends that the current toll barrier at Portage is not well suited to enlarge the barrier because it does not own enough land there to enlarge the barrier to accommodate the needed "pass through" lanes as required by the ETCS.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The revenue impact is indeterminable at this time. It is not known the number of drivers who would participate in the ETCS.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Toll Road and the Department of Transportation.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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