

House Bill 5157
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5157 AS INTRODUCED 9-25-91

Public Act 214 of 1952 created the Mackinac Bridge Authority and specifies the authority's duties in operating and maintaining the Mackinac Bridge. The bill would amend the act to allow the authority to spend up to \$995,000 from funds it controls to construct a building and lease it to the Department of State Police for use as a regional state police post. The building would have to be located on property owned by the authority that was adjacent to the bridge's north terminal. A building could not be built until the authority and the department entered into a lease agreement which stated:

- * that the building would be used for a regional state police post;
- * that the initial term of the lease would be for ten years, with renewals as agreed to by both parties;
- * that the lease amount would be for the fair market lease value of the leased building, although the lease could provide for a reduction in the lease amount that was equal to the reasonable cost incurred by the department in providing a "certain level" of law enforcement services incident to the bridge's operation;
- * that, except as otherwise agreed to by the parties, the department would have to pay the costs of maintaining the building in reasonable repair; and
- * any other terms that could be agreed to by the parties regarding the building's use.

Lease payments that were received by the authority under a lease agreed to pursuant to the bill would have to be regarded and treated as revenues of the bridge for all purposes set forth in the act. Upon the lease agreement's expiration or termination, the authority could use the building for any reasonable purpose in carrying out its duties under the act.

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