

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AUTHORITY (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 99 of 1954**

**254.221 International bridge authority; definitions.**

Sec. 1. As used in this act, the following words have the following meanings, unless the context indicates a different meaning or intent:

(a) “Authority” means the international bridge authority of Michigan created by section 2 of 1935 PA 237, MCL 254.202, or, if the authority is abolished, the board, body, or commission succeeding to the principal functions or to whom the powers given by this act to the authority are given by law.

(b) “Project” includes a bridge or tunnel, overpasses, underpasses, entrance plazas, toll houses, administration, storage and other buildings and facilities, and all equipment therefor, and may include buses and terminal facilities, the existing ferry system, and such approaches and approach highways as may be determined by the authority to be necessary to facilitate the flow of traffic or to connect the project with the existing highway systems, together with all property, rights, easements, and interests acquired by the authority for the construction or operation of the project.

(c) “Cost” includes the cost of construction or acquisition, the cost of the acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, property, rights, easements, and interests acquired by the authority for the construction, the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which buildings or structures may be moved, the cost of acquiring the existing ferry system or any portion of that ferry system, operating between Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Sault Ste. Marie in the province of Ontario, Canada, the purchase price of any buses operated by the authority, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest before and during construction and, if considered advisable by the authority, for a period not exceeding 1 year after completion of construction, cost of traffic estimates and of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of constructing, repairing, or improving the project, administrative expense, and such other expense as may be necessary or incident to the construction, repair, or improvement of the project, the financing of such project, and the placing and maintaining of the project in operation. Any money paid or advanced to the authority with its approval for traffic surveys, borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services in connection with the construction, repair, or improvement of the project shall be regarded as a part of the cost of the project and shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of the revenue bonds issued for the project as authorized in this act. Cost includes the cost to operate, maintain, repair, or improve the project.

(d) “Bonds” or “revenue bonds” means revenue bonds of the authority issued under this act.

(e) “Owner” includes all individuals, copartnerships, associations, or corporations and also municipalities, political subdivisions, and all public agencies and instrumentalities having any title or interest in any property, rights, easements, and interests authorized to be acquired by this act.

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