

1-1 By: Lindsay S.B. No. 903  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2003; March 11, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; April 8, 2003, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays  
1-6 0; April 8, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 903 By: Estes

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of toll projects by military vehicles; creating  
1-11 an offense.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 362, Transportation Code, is amended by  
1-14 adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1-16 Sec. 362.901. FREE USE OF TOLL PROJECT BY MILITARY  
1-17 VEHICLES. (a) The commission and the governing body of each local  
1-18 governmental entity or private entity that operates a toll project  
1-19 shall adopt rules to allow a military vehicle to use toll projects  
1-20 without payment of a toll or fare.

1-21 (b) A rule adopted under this section must:

1-22 (1) allow a convoy of military vehicles of this state,  
1-23 another state, or the United States to use the toll project without  
1-24 payment of a toll or fare; and

1-25 (2) allow individual military vehicles to use the toll  
1-26 project without payment of a toll or fare, to the greatest extent  
1-27 practicable, considering the technological and personnel  
1-28 limitations of operating the toll project.

1-29 (c) A person who claims a privilege under a rule adopted  
1-30 under this section to which the person is not entitled commits an  
1-31 offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

1-32 (d) In this section, "toll project" includes a toll road,  
1-33 toll highway, turnpike, toll bridge, ferry, or similar project,  
1-34 users of which are required to pay a toll or fare.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 431.087, Government Code, is repealed.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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