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<u>TITLE 855 - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE</u> AUTHORITY

CHAPTER 10 - BRIDGES AND TOLLS

SUBCHAPTER 00 - N/A

PART 3 - Emergency Change Concerning Cash and Credit Card Toll Transactions

3.1 AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

3.1.1 AUTHORIZATION FOR REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations concerning an emergency change to the cash and credit card toll transactions ("Rules and Regulations") are promulgated by the Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority ("Authority") in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 24-12-37 and § 42-35-2.10, as enabled by Executive Order of the Governor.

3.1.2 PURPOSE

These Rules and Regulations are intended to provide the public with information regarding an emergency change to the cash and credit card toll transactions. This emergency is necessitated by staffing and health and safety issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.2 EMERGENCY CHANGE CONCERNING CASH AND CREDIT CARD TOLL TRANSACTIONS

From time to time, including in time of a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to § 30-15-9 or other applicable statute, the Authority may close one or more cash/credit card lanes for any reason. If cash/credit card lanes are closed, then such traffic may be directed through the EZPASS lanes normally designated for vehicles equipped with E-ZPass transponders, in which case no Administrative Fee shall be charged, but an invoice shall be mailed to the registered vehicle owner or the E-ZPass account holder. If the invoiced individual or entity makes timely payment of the toll, as specified in said notice in accordance with the invoice terms, then the invoiced individual or entity will not be deemed a Toll Violator or Toll Evader, as defined in Part 2 of these Regulations, for purposes of the invoiced transaction.

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