

[CHAPTER 281.]

AN ACT

May 11, 1934.
 [S. 3099.]
 [Public, No. 220.]

Authorizing the City of Wheeling, a municipal corporation, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Ohio River, at Wheeling, West Virginia.

Ohio River.
 Wheeling, W. Va.,
 may bridge.

Construction.
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Tolls authorized, to
 be applied to operation,
 sinking fund, etc.

Record of expendi-
 tures and receipts.

Right to sell, etc.,
 conferred.

Maintenance as free
 bridge after amortizing
 costs.

Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postage service, and to provide for military and other purposes, the City of Wheeling, a municipal corporation of West Virginia, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in Wheeling, West Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. The said municipality of Wheeling may charge toll for the use of said bridge, which rates of toll may be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay (a) the reasonable cost of maintenance, repair, and operation of the said bridge and its approaches; and (b) the amortization within a reasonable time and not exceeding twenty-five years from the date that the bridge is opened to traffic, and under reasonable condition of any loan or loans including reasonable interest, taxes, and financing charges made, or to be made in connection with the construction of said bridge and its approaches.

SEC. 3. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches and of all expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the tolls collected from time to time shall be kept and shall at all reasonable times be available for the information of all persons interested in the construction, operation, and maintenance thereof.

SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, or pledge any or all of the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said City of Wheeling or any corporation to which, or any person to whom, such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same through mortgage, pledge, foreclosure, or otherwise, including therein the United States of America acting by or through the President, the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works, such other agency or agencies as may be designated or created for such purpose pursuant to the National Industrial Recovery Act or any other amendment or supplement thereto, or any other agency or agencies as may be created for such purpose by the Congress of the United States, and such person or corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all of the rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon the City of Wheeling as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 5. Whenever a sum sufficient to amortize and pay off the amount of money used in building and constructing said bridge shall have been collected, the City of Wheeling shall declare said bridge free and open to the use of the general public without the imposition of any further tolls or charges for the use of said bridge.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 11, 1934.