



# Severn Bridges Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 3

### PART II

#### OPERATION OF SEVERN BRIDGES

##### *Tolls*

#### **5 Power of Secretary of State to levy tolls**

- (1) Tolls may be levied by the Secretary of State in respect of vehicles using either of the bridges.
- (2) Subject to section 11 below, tolls may only be levied in respect of vehicles travelling from east to west.
- (3) The power to levy tolls shall commence—
  - (a) with the appointed day, as respects vehicles using the existing bridge, and
  - (b) with the day on which the new bridge is first open for public use, as respects vehicles using that bridge.
- (4) The power to levy tolls shall terminate at the end of the period of 35 years beginning with the appointed day.
- (5) The Secretary of State may appoint any person to collect tolls as his agent.
- (6) A local authority may enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State (on such terms and subject to such conditions, as to payment or otherwise, as they consider appropriate) to perform such services and provide such facilities as may be specified in the agreement in connection with the collection of tolls; and a local authority may perform services and provide facilities in accordance with such an agreement.
- (7) No agreement entered into under section 17(1) of the Severn Bridge Tolls Act 1965 (agreement between Secretary of State and local authority for performance of services and provision of facilities in connection with tolling) shall have effect on or after the appointed day.