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AN ACT to amend the energy law and the public authorities law, in relation to the availability of alternative fuels along the New York state thruway

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 1-103 of the energy law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 14 to read as follows:
3 14. "ALTERNATIVE FUEL" SHALL MEAN ETHANOL, METHANOL, NATURAL GAS,
4 PROPANE, ELECTRICITY (INCLUDING ELECTRICITY FROM SOLAR ENERGY), HYDRO-
5 GEN, AND ANY OTHER FUEL IDENTIFIED WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY NOT PETROLE-
6 UM-BASED, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OF PROTECTING THE SAFETY
7 AND HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC AND MINIMIZING EMISSIONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS, AND
8 WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH ANY APPLICABLE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL
9 REQUIREMENTS.
10 S 2. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 5-129 to read
11 as follows:
12 S 5-129. ALTERNATIVE FUELS. STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
13 AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY WITH A LIST
14 OF THE MOST FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE FUELS, WHICH SHALL NUMBER NO FEWER THAN
15 THREE, AND ASSIST THE AUTHORITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
16 SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW.
17 S 3. Subdivision 10 of section 354 of the public authorities law, as
18 amended by chapter 766 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as
19 follows:
20 10. To construct, reconstruct or improve on or along the thruway
21 system in the manner herein provided, suitable facilities for gas
22 stations, restaurants, and other facilities for the public, or to lease
23 the right to construct, reconstruct or improve and operate such facili-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ties; such facilities shall be publicly offered for leasing for opera-
2 tion, or the right to construct, reconstruct or improve and operate such
3 facilities shall be publicly offered under rules and regulations to be
4 established by the authority, provided, however, that lessees operating
5 such facilities at the time this act becomes effective, may reconstruct
6 or improve them or may construct additional like facilities, in the
7 manner and upon such terms and conditions as the board shall determine;
8 and provided further, however, that such facilities constructed, recon-
9 structed or improved on or along the canal system shall be consistent
10 with the canal recreationway plan approved pursuant to section one
11 hundred thirty-eight-c of the canal law and section three hundred eight-
12 y-two of this title; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT EACH SUCH
13 FACILITY WHICH CONTAINS OR CONSISTS OF A GAS STATION SHALL, BEGINNING
14 NOVEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, INCLUDE A FACILITY FOR SELLING TO
15 THE PUBLIC AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-103 OF THE ENER-
16 GY LAW AND EACH ALTERNATIVE FUEL RECOMMENDED TO THE AUTHORITY BY THE NEW
17 YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION
18 5-129 OF THE ENERGY LAW SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT INTERVALS OF NO MORE
19 THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILES ON EACH SIDE OF THE THRUWAY;
20 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.