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Introduced by Sens. PERKINS, DILAN, DUANE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to eliminating the metropolitan commuter transportation authority's environmental quality review exemption

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 11 of section 1266 of the public author-  
2     ities law, subdivision 3 as amended and subdivision 11 as added by chap-  
3     ter 314 of the laws of 1981, are amended to read as follows:  
4     3. The authority may establish, levy and collect or cause to be estab-  
5     lished, levied and collected and, in the case of a joint service  
6     arrangement, join with others in the establishment, levy and collection  
7     of such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees as it may  
8     deem necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any  
9     transportation facility and related services operated by the authority  
10    or by a subsidiary corporation of the authority or under contract, lease  
11    or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the  
12    authority. Any such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees  
13    for the transportation of passengers shall be established and changed  
14    only if approved by resolution of the authority adopted by not less than  
15    a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in  
16    office, with the chairman having one additional vote in the event of a  
17    tie vote, and only after a public hearing, provided however, that fares,  
18    tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees for the transportation of  
19    passengers on any transportation facility which are in effect at the  
20    time that the then owner of such transportation facility becomes a  
21    subsidiary corporation of the authority or at the time that operation of  
22    such transportation facility is commenced by the authority or is  
23    commenced under contract, lease or other arrangement, including joint

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

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1 service arrangements, with the authority may be continued in effect  
2 without such a hearing. Such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and  
3 other fees shall be established as may in the judgment of the authority  
4 be necessary to maintain the combined operations of the authority and  
5 its subsidiary corporations on a self-sustaining basis. The said oper-  
6 ations shall be deemed to be on a self-sustaining basis as required by  
7 this title, when the authority is able to pay or cause to be paid from  
8 revenue and any other funds or property actually available to the  
9 authority and its subsidiary corporations (a) as the same shall become  
10 due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other  
11 obligations of the authority and of such subsidiary corporations,  
12 together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor, (b) the cost  
13 and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority and  
14 its subsidiary corporations in good condition and repair, and (c) the  
15 capital and operating expenses of the authority and its subsidiary  
16 corporations. The authority may contract with the holders of bonds and  
17 notes with respect to the exercise of the powers authorized by this  
18 section. [No acts or activities taken or proposed to be taken by the  
19 authority or any subsidiary of the authority pursuant to the provisions  
20 of this subdivision shall be deemed to be "actions" for the purposes or  
21 within the meaning of article eight of the environmental conservation  
22 law.]

23 11. No project to be constructed upon real property theretofore used  
24 for a transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial addition to such  
25 property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a material respect  
26 the general character of such prior transportation use, nor any acts or  
27 activities in connection with such project, shall be subject to the  
28 provisions of article [eight,] nineteen, twenty-four or twenty-five of  
29 the environmental conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance  
30 adopted pursuant to any such article. [Nor shall any acts or activities  
31 taken or proposed to be taken by the authority or by any other person or  
32 entity, public or private, in connection with the planning, design,  
33 acquisition, improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation  
34 of a transportation facility, other than a marine or aviation facility,  
35 be subject to the provisions of article eight of the environmental  
36 conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to  
37 any such article if such acts or activities require the preparation of a  
38 statement under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to the  
39 environmental impact thereof.]

40 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.