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AN ACT to amend the highway law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a mileage-based numbering system for exits along interstate highways within the state

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

- 1     Section 1. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 331 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 331. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE COMMIS-  
4     SIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE  
5     THEREFOR, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONVERT EXIT NUMBERS ALONG  
6     INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE TO A MILEAGE-BASED EXIT  
7     NUMBERING SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:  
8     (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-  
9     TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE  
10    POST NUMBERING;  
11    (B) FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THAT SUCH MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SHALL  
12    BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE  
13    HIGHWAY; AND  
14    (C) MINIMIZE COST BY USING EXISTING ROADSIDE AND OVERHEAD SIGNS AND  
15    ADD-ON PLATES TO DISPLAY NEW EXIT NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.  
16    2. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVER-  
17    SION TO THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM MADE PURSUANT TO THIS  
18    SECTION, THE EXIT NUMBER OF EACH EXIT PRIOR TO SUCH CONVERSION SHALL  
19    CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT EACH SUCH EXIT.  
20    3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION  
21    SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

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

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1 S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 388  
2 to read as follows:  
3 S 388. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE AUTHOR-  
4 ITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IS HEREBY  
5 AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE THEREFOR, TO  
6 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONVERT EXIT NUMBERS ALONG INTERSTATE  
7 HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE TO A MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING  
8 SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:  
9 (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-  
10 TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE  
11 POST NUMBERING;  
12 (B) FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THAT SUCH MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SHALL  
13 BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE  
14 HIGHWAY; AND  
15 (C) MINIMIZE COST BY USING EXISTING ROADSIDE AND OVERHEAD SIGNS AND  
16 ADD-ON PLATES TO DISPLAY NEW EXIT NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.  
17 2. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVER-  
18 SION TO THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM MADE PURSUANT TO THIS  
19 SECTION, THE EXIT NUMBER OF EACH EXIT PRIOR TO SUCH CONVERSION SHALL  
20 CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT EACH SUCH EXIT.  
21 3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION  
22 SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.  
23 S 3. The commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New  
24 York state thruway authority shall work in cooperation and jointly  
25 establish uniform standards and signage for the mileage-based exit  
26 number required by the provisions of this act.  
27 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.