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Introduced by Sen. NOZZOLIO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the exemption of certain veterans from tolls collected by the New York state thruway authority

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 361 of the public  
2 authorities law, as amended by chapter 621 of the laws of 1998, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4     (a) In addition to the powers conferred by the vehicle and traffic  
5 law, the authority is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and  
6 regulations for the use and occupancy of the thruway as may be necessary  
7 and proper for the public safety and convenience, for the preservation  
8 of its property and for the collection of tolls and provided further  
9 that the authority, in consultation with the departments of environ-  
10 mental conservation and transportation, is hereby authorized to promul-  
11 gate rules and regulations necessary to implement a heavy duty vehicle  
12 roadside inspection program pursuant to section 19-0320 of the environ-  
13 mental conservation law. SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL AUTHORIZE THE  
14 EXEMPTION FROM THE COLLECTION OF SUCH TOLLS UPON HONORABLY DISCHARGED  
15 VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. SUCH EXEMPTION SHALL  
16 BE IN SUCH FORM AND MANNER AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE.

17     S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 1630 of the vehicle and traffic law is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19     4. Charging of tolls, taxes, fees, licenses or permits for the use of  
20 the highway or any of its parts, where the imposition thereof is author-  
21 ized by law. NO SUCH TOLL SHALL BE IMPOSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE THRU-  
22 WAY AUTHORITY UPON HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
23 THE UNITED STATES.

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

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1 S 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of  
2 transportation is authorized and directed to reimburse the New York  
3 state thruway authority for any loss in net revenue, up to one hundred  
4 thousand dollars per fiscal year, due to the exemption from tolls upon  
5 honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States  
6 authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 361 of  
7 the public authorities law.

8 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
9 it shall have become a law except that any rule or regulation necessary  
10 for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be  
11 promulgated on or before such date.