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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company and the New York city transit authority establish a no fare program for the transportation of certain active duty, uniform police officers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities
2 law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended and a new
3 subdivision 14-a is added to read as follows:
4 14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any
5 contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road
6 and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and
7 implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail
8 Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad for active duty, uniform
9 police officers employed by the city of New York, county of Nassau,
10 Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county
11 villages and towns, county of Westchester, Westchester county villages,
12 cities and towns, county of Putnam, Putnam county villages and towns,
13 county of Rockland, Rockland county villages and towns, county of
14 Orange, Orange county villages, cities and towns, county of Dutchess,
15 Dutchess county villages, cities and towns, the division of state
16 police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North
17 Commuter Railroad Company, the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city
18 housing authority and the New York city transit authority. In establish-
19 ing such program, which has as its goal increased protection and
20 improved safety for its commuters, the authority [~~and~~], the Long Island
21 Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company shall, among
22 other things, consider: (a) requiring active duty, uniform police offi-
23 cers who ride without cost to register with the Long Island Rail Road or

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

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1 the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company as a condition of riding with-
2 out cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registra-
3 tion process their regular working hours and the Long Island Rail Road
4 or the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company trains that such officers
5 expect to ride; and (c) periodically, at least biannually, re-register-
6 ing and re-validating such officers. The authority [~~and~~], the Long
7 Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company shall
8 also have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the
9 goals and objectives of this section. Police officers must be in
10 uniform and display proper badge or shield while receiving transporta-
11 tion pursuant to this subdivision. The authority, the Long Island Rail
12 Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company shall implement all
13 measures reasonably necessary to ensure that only eligible active duty,
14 uniform police officers are availing themselves of the program.

15 14-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the terms of any
16 contract, the authority, in consultation with the New York city transit
17 authority, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transpor-
18 tation on New York city transit authority systems for active duty,
19 uniform police officers employed by the city of New York, county of
20 Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk
21 county villages and towns, county of Westchester, Westchester county
22 villages, cities and towns, county of Putnam, Putnam county villages and
23 towns, county of Rockland, Rockland county villages and towns, county of
24 Orange, Orange county villages, cities and towns, county of Dutchess,
25 Dutchess county villages, cities and towns, the division of state
26 police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North
27 Commuter Railroad Company, the Long Island Rail Road, and the New York
28 city housing authority. In establishing such program, which has as its
29 goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters and
30 riders, the authority and the New York city transit authority shall,
31 among other things, consider: (a) requiring such active duty, uniform
32 police officers who ride without cost to register with the New York city
33 transit authority as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring
34 such officers to indicate during such registration process their regular
35 working hours and the New York city transit authority trains and/or
36 buses that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically, at least
37 biannually, re-registering and re-validating such officers. The authori-
38 ty and the New York city transit authority shall also have the power to
39 consider other matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives
40 of this subdivision. Police officers must be in uniform and display
41 proper badge or shield when receiving transportation pursuant to this
42 subdivision; however, the authority may waive the requirement that
43 active duty, uniform police officers employed by the city of New York be
44 in uniform when receiving such transportation as required by this subdi-
45 vision. The authority and the New York city transit authority shall
46 implement all measures reasonably necessary to ensure that only eligible
47 active duty, uniform police officers are availing themselves of the
48 program.

49 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
50 have become law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
51 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
52 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
53 on or before such effective date.