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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creation of security measures for the transportation facilities of the metropolitan transportation authority

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subdivision 2 of section 709 of the executive law, as amended by section 14 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

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3 (q) request from any department, division, office, commission or other agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof, or any public authority or public benefit corporation, and the same are authorized to provide, such assistance, services and data as may be required by the division of homeland security and emergency services in carrying out the purposes of this article, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations;

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11 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 720 to read as follows:

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13 § 720. Protection of critical infrastructure; metropolitan transportation authority facilities. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director of the office of homeland security and emergency services shall conduct a review and analysis of measures being taken by the metropolitan transportation authority and any other agency or authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof and, to the extent practicable, of any federal entity, to protect the security of

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

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1 critical infrastructure related to the transportation facilities, which
2 shall include those facilities set forth in subdivision seventeen of
3 section twelve hundred sixty-one of the public authorities law and shall
4 also include, for purposes of this section, bridges and tunnels of the
5 metropolitan transportation authority and of all subsidiaries of such
6 authority. The director of the office of homeland security and emergen-
7 cy services shall have the authority to review any audits or reports
8 related to the security of such critical infrastructure, including
9 audits or reports conducted at the request of the metropolitan transpor-
10 tation authority or any other agency or authority of the state or any
11 political subdivision thereof or, to the extent practicable, of any
12 federal entity. The operators of such transportation facilities shall,
13 in compliance with any federal and state requirements regarding the
14 dissemination of such information, provide access to the director of the
15 office of homeland security and emergency services to such audits or
16 reports regarding such critical infrastructure provided, however, that
17 exclusive custody and control of such audits and reports shall remain
18 solely with the operators of such transportation facilities. For the
19 purposes of this article, the term "critical infrastructure" has the
20 meaning ascribed to that term in subdivision five of section eighty-six
21 of the public officers law.

22 2. (a) On or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five,
23 and not later than three years after such date, and every five years
24 thereafter, the director of the office of homeland security and emergen-
25 cy services shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the
26 senate, the speaker of the assembly and the board of any such affected
27 transportation authority. Such report shall review the security meas-
28 ures being taken regarding critical infrastructure related to transpor-
29 tation facilities, as defined in subdivision seventeen of section twelve
30 hundred sixty-one of the public authorities law, assess the effective-
31 ness thereof, and include recommendations to the legislature or the
32 metropolitan transportation authority, if the director of the office of
33 homeland security and emergency services determines that additional
34 measures are required to be implemented, considering among other
35 factors, the unique characteristics of each transportation facility. On
36 or before April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, the director of the
37 office of homeland security and emergency services shall make a prelimi-
38 nary report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the
39 speaker of the assembly and the board of any such affected transpor-
40 tation authority.

41 (b) Before the receipt of such report identified in paragraph (a) of
42 this subdivision, each recipient of such report shall develop confiden-
43 tiality protocols, which shall be binding upon the recipient who issues
44 the protocols and anyone to whom the recipient shows a copy of the
45 report, in consultation with the director of the office of homeland
46 security and emergency services for the maintenance and use of such
47 report so as to ensure the confidentiality of the report and all infor-
48 mation contained therein, provided, however, that such protocols shall
49 not be binding upon a person who is provided access to such report or
50 any information contained therein pursuant to section eighty-nine of the
51 public officers law after a final determination that access to such
52 report or any information contained therein could not be denied pursuant
53 to subdivision two of section eighty-seven of the public officers law.
54 The director of the office of homeland security and emergency services
55 shall also develop protocols for his or her office related to the main-
56 tenance and use of such report so as to ensure the confidentiality of

1 the report and all information contained therein. On each report, the
2 director of the office of homeland security and emergency services shall
3 prominently display the following statement: "this report may contain
4 information that if disclosed could endanger the life or safety of the
5 public, and therefore, pursuant to section seven hundred ten of this
6 article, this report is to be maintained and used in a manner consistent
7 with protocols established to preserve the confidentiality of the infor-
8 mation contained herein in a manner consistent with law".

9 (c) The metropolitan transportation authority shall have the
10 discretion to require that the recommendations of the director of the
11 office of homeland security and emergency services be implemented by any
12 operator of a transportation facility.

13 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
14 have have become a law.