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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to contracts to provide food services at authority owned and operated transportation facilities and rest areas

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 390 to read as follows:

3 § 390. Contracts for food service. Any contracts entered into for the
4 operation of food services or food concessions at public transportation
5 facilities owned or operated by the authority shall require that such
6 services be provided every day of the week. For the purposes of this
7 section the term "public transportation facilities" shall mean and
8 include thruway rest areas, service areas and welcome centers. The
9 provisions of this section shall not apply to temporary concessions or
10 events including farmers' markets, flea markets or local vendors
11 licensed or permitted to operate by the authority.

12 § 2. Subparagraph 6 of paragraph f of subdivision 3 of article IV of
13 section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port
14 authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by chapter 495 of the
15 laws of 2023, is amended and a new subparagraph 7 is added to read as
16 follows:

17 (6) provide information concerning services for human trafficking
18 victims in port authority bus terminals. 1. Any bus terminal maintained
19 or operated by the port authority shall make available in plain view and
20 in a conspicuous place and manner in the public restrooms and in any
21 lactation rooms, informational cards and/or signs developed by:

22 (a) the office of temporary and disability assistance in consultation
23 with the New York state interagency task force on human trafficking; or

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

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1 (b) the United States Department of Homeland Security.

2 2. All informational cards and signs shall only contain information
3 concerning services for human trafficking victims and shall prominently
4 include the national human trafficking hotline telephone number.

5 3. For purposes of this section, "lactation room" shall mean a hygien-
6 ic place, other than a restroom, that: (a) is shielded from view; (b) is
7 free from intrusion; (c) contains a chair, a working surface, and, if
8 the building is otherwise supplied with electricity, an electrical
9 outlet; and (d) is intended to be used for the primary purpose of
10 breastfeeding or expressing breast milk[-]; and

11 (7) establish a policy that contracts for the operation of food
12 services or food concessions at transportation facilities owned by such
13 authority shall require that such services be provided every day of the
14 week. For the purposes of this section the term "transportation facili-
15 ties" shall mean and include bus stations, train stations, rest areas
16 and marine terminal facilities. The provisions of this section shall
17 not apply to temporary concessions or events including farmers' markets,
18 flea markets or local vendors licensed or permitted to operate by the
19 authority.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
21 have become a law and shall apply to contracts entered into on and after
22 such date; provided, however that section two of this act shall take
23 effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of
24 legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if the state
25 of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, such section
26 shall take effect immediately; provided that the chairman of the
27 port authority of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting
28 commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation
29 provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may
30 maintain an accurate and timely effective database of the official
31 text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuat-
32 ing the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section
33 70-b of the public officers law.