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

AN ACT in relation to establishing a toll-free overnight hours pilot program on the New York state thruway; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. No later than 120 days after the effective date of this act, the New York state thruway authority shall establish and administer a toll-free overnight hours pilot program to reduce congestion during daytime peak hours by incentivizing off-peak travel, provide cost savings to New York residents, truckers, and businesses relying on freight transportation, support smoother traffic flow and decrease wear-and-tear on roads by redistributing vehicle usage, and promote environmental benefits by reducing vehicle idling and improving air quality during peak hours. Under such program, tolls on the New York state thruway shall be eliminated for E-ZPass users between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM. The authority shall collect and analyze data on traffic patterns, toll revenue, and public feedback for the duration of such program.

2. No later than 90 days after the completion of such program, the New York state authority shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly containing the findings of such pilot program and any recommendations for legislative action.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after the submission of the report required pursuant to section two of this act; provided, however, that the New York state thruway authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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

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