

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 30, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to changing the name of the walkway over the Hudson bridge to the Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 7-b and 9 of section 526 of the public author-  
2 ities law, subdivision 7-b as added and subdivision 9 as amended by  
3 chapter 219 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

4 7-b. The term [~~"walkway over the Hudson bridge"~~] "Eleanor Roosevelt  
5 Walkway" shall be deemed to mean the Poughkeepsie-Highland railroad  
6 bridge which was constructed across the Hudson river north of the Frank-  
7 lin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge[-];

8 9. The term "bridges" shall be deemed to mean collectively Mid-Hudson  
9 bridge, Rip Van Winkle bridge, Bear Mountain bridge, Kingston-Rhinecliff  
10 bridge, both spans of the Hamilton Fish Newburgh-Beacon bridge, [~~walkway~~  
11 ~~over the Hudson bridge~~] Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway, and incidental roads,  
12 approaches, structures and facilities;

13 § 2. Subdivisions 1-a, 8 and 17 of section 528 of the public authori-  
14 ties law, subdivisions 1-a and 8 as amended and subdivision 17 as added  
15 by chapter 219 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

16 1-a. To hold in the name of the state any real property acquired for  
17 its corporate purposes and, with the approval of the commissioner, to  
18 sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any real property or  
19 rights or easements therein, heretofore or hereafter acquired pursuant  
20 to the "state bridge authority act", determined by it to be not neces-  
21 sary for its corporate purposes, and shall accept ownership of the  
22 [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway in the name  
23 of the state, and acquire such incidental roads, approaches, structures  
24 and facilities as may be necessary.

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

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1 8. To charge tolls for the use of the bridges, with the exception of  
2 the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway, subject  
3 to and in accordance with such agreements with bondholders and notehold-  
4 ers as may be made as hereinafter provided, except, however, that  
5 subject to such agreements the rates of tolls charged on the Franklin  
6 Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge, the Kingston Rhinecliff bridge, the  
7 Bear Mountain bridge, the Rip Van Winkle bridge, and the Hamilton Fish  
8 Newburgh-Beacon bridge shall be the same.

9 17. To enter into a lease or operating agreement, for a period not to  
10 exceed ninety-nine years, with the office of parks, recreation and  
11 historic preservation for all or a portion of the [~~walkway over the~~  
12 ~~Hudson bridge~~] Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway for the purpose of a state  
13 park. Such agreement may assign or allocate responsibility for the  
14 construction, operation, maintenance, replacement and management of the  
15 deck and approaches and structures providing public access to the state  
16 park, but the authority shall retain responsibility for maintaining the  
17 superstructure of the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] Eleanor Roosevelt  
18 Walkway. The office of parks, recreation and historic preservation is  
19 authorized to enter into such agreement, which may include the installa-  
20 tion and maintenance by the office of parks, recreation and historic  
21 preservation of any personal property and equipment used in connection  
22 therewith. The office of parks, recreation and historic preservation  
23 shall propose in its annual budget an amount for all costs and obli-  
24 gations under such agreement and these costs may be supplemented by  
25 private donations.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.