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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, J. RIVERA, GREENE, BOYLAND, AUBRY, PERRY, ROBINSON, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a no fare program for transportation on New York city transit authority systems, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for senior citizens

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 14-a to read as follows:

14-A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT, THE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY, SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A NO FARE PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORTATION ON NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY SYSTEMS, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. IN ESTABLISHING SUCH PROGRAM, THE AUTHORITY AND THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY, SHALL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONSIDER: (A) REQUIRING SUCH SENIOR CITIZENS WHO RIDE WITHOUT COST TO REGISTER WITH THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY AS A CONDITION OF RIDING WITHOUT COST; AND (B) REQUIRING SUCH SENIOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE BY THEIR MEDICARE CARD, DRIVER'S LICENSE, BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR SUCH OTHER MANNER AS THE AUTHORITY DEEMS SUFFICIENT. THE AUTHORITY AND THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND THE METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY SHALL ALSO HAVE THE POWER TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS SUBDIVISION. THE NO FARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS

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

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SUBDIVISION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ON WEEKDAYS DURING THE OFF-PEAK HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND ALL DAY ON WEEKENDS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.