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Introduced by M. of A. SPANO, BROOK-KRASNY, ABBATE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER, HYER-SPENCER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to allowing current and retired police officers free fare to ride the trains and buses operated by the metropolitan transportation authority; and to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to providing such officers the same protections under law as provided peace officers

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that the presence of current and retired police officers aboard our mass transit systems would provide an added security benefit to places that are known to be targeted by criminals and where the threat level for terrorist attack is elevated. The intent of this act is to encourage the presence of men and women who possess a level of training to deal with criminal activity through their employment as police officers to use the transportation services of the metropolitan transportation authority so that they may be an extra set of eyes to aid law enforcement in maintaining security and safety aboard such transportation services.

S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1266-i to read as follows:

S 1266-I. FREE FARE FOR CURRENT AND RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM WHEREBY CURRENT AND RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS WHO POSSESS A VALID PISTOL PERMIT ARE ALLOWED FREE FARE TO RIDE ABOARD ANY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OPERATED BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

S 3. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section 2.40 to read as follows:

S 2.40 RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS ABOARD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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

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RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS WHO RIDE FREE ABOARD THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX-I OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW SHALL BE AFFORDED ALL OF THE POWERS AND PROTECTIONS AFFORDED PEACE OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. THE PEACE OFFICER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2.30 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED FULFILLED BY THE TRAINING SUCH RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVED AS PART OF THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.