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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing electronic toll collection discounts for certain fuel efficient vehicles

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 388 to read as follows:

S 388. GREEN E-ZPASS DISCOUNT. 1. ANY PERSON WHO HAS AN ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM ACCOUNT WITH THE AUTHORITY SHALL RECEIVE A TEN PERCENT DISCOUNT ON TOLLS INCURRED ON NEW YORK STATE TOLL ROADS FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH HAS A HIGHWAY MPG FUEL EFFICIENCY OF THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER GALLON OR HIGHER. SUCH DISCOUNT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "GREEN E-ZPASS DISCOUNT".

2. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

A. "ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM" SHALL MEAN A SYSTEM OF COLLECTING TOLLS OR CHARGES WHICH IS CAPABLE OF CHARGING AN ACCOUNT HOLDER THE APPROPRIATE TOLL OR CHARGE BY TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON A MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE TOLL LANE, WHICH INFORMATION IS USED TO CHARGE THE ACCOUNT THE APPROPRIATE TOLL OR CHARGE; AND

B. "HIGHWAY MPG FUEL EFFICIENCY" MEANS THE HIGHWAY MILES PER GALLON FUEL EFFICIENCY ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS AND PRINTED ON THE FUEL ECONOMY LABEL AFFIXED TO A WINDOW ON A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (40 CFR 600 ET.SEQ.).

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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