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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring that suicide prevention phones be installed on all bridges under the control of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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 1277-b to read as follows:

S 1277-B. SUICIDE PREVENTION PHONES REQUIRED ON ALL BRIDGES. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION A "SUICIDE PREVENTION PHONE" SHALL MEAN A TOLL FREE TELEPHONE WHICH ALLOWS THE USER TO CONNECT DIRECTLY TO LIFELINE, THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE.

2. A SUICIDE PREVENTION PHONE SHALL BE INSTALLED AT EACH END AND AT THE MIDWAY POINT OF EACH BRIDGE UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF AND OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY.

3. SIGNS WHICH CLEARLY STATE THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION PHONE AND ITS USE AND PURPOSE SHALL BE PLACED NEXT TO EACH PHONE AND ON THE HIGHWAY AT OR NEAR THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF EACH BRIDGE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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