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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring taxis to participate in the electronic toll collection system and to utilize facilities and traffic lanes established for such system

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-ww to read as follows:

S 396-WW. TAXIS; PARTICIPATION IN ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM. 1. EVERY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A TAXI IN THIS STATE SHALL BE AN ACCOUNT HOLDER IN THE ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM, AND EACH TAXI OPERATED ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH THE APPROPRIATE RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER FOR USE OF SUCH SYSTEM.

2. EVERY TAXI SHALL USE THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND TRAFFIC LANES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, SHALL A TAXI USE A CASH LANE OR ANY OTHER LANE NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION AT ANY TOLL COLLECTION FACILITY AT WHICH ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE.

3. EVERY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A TRAFFIC INFRACTION PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

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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