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Introduced by M. of A. BRENNAN, DINOWITZ, ABBATE, GOTTFRIED, CLARK, JACOBS, JEFFRIES, LANCMAN, BRODSKY, TITONE, KELLNER, MARKEY, WEISENBERG, ROSENTHAL, KAVANAGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENEDETTO, BENJAMIN, BROOK-KRASNY, V. LOPEZ, MAISEL, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend chapter 55 of the laws of 2008, enacting the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget, in relation to making appropriations to the metropolitan transportation authority for the purpose of providing previously denied funding to the New York City transit authority

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. Since 1995, the metropolitan transportation authority has not received increased funding proportionate to the rising costs incurred in the delivery of services. For over a decade, the state appropriation from the general fund portion of the budget has declined some years and remained static in other years, compared to the operational costs of the metropolitan transportation authority which have steadily risen. It is the intent of the Legislature to restore the state funds that have been reduced from the 18-b operating assistance program as well as provide to the metropolitan transportation authority funds that have been provided pursuant to section 18-b of the transportation law from the state of New York and the city of New York. Those expenses associated with operations have increased such as fuel, health care, and pensions costs. The Legislature hereby finds that increasing state and city assistance to the metropolitan transportation authority in an effort to mitigate this deficit is necessary and prudent.

S 2. Section 1 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2008, enacting the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in this section.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE OPERATIONS AND AID TO LOCALITIES 2008-09

MASS TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

General Fund / Aid to Localities
Local Assistance Account - 001

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the following appropriations are for the payment of mass transportation operating assistance pursuant to section 18-b of the transportation law. To the metropolitan transportation authority for the operating expenses of the New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority, and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, provided, however, that [$4,817,000] $305,500,000 may be paid to the metropolitan transportation authority on or after April 1, 2008 but not later than May 10, 2008 ..... [4,817,000] 305,500,000

To the metropolitan transportation authority for the operating expenses of the Long Island rail road company and the Metro-North commuter railroad company which include operating expenses for the New York state portion of Harlem, Hudson, Port Jervis, Pascack, and New Haven commuter railroad services regardless of whether such services are provided directly or pursuant to joint service agreements .... [8,045,000] 32,300,000

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2009.