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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the imposition of tolls and surcharges for certain bridges and tunnels

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 553-h-1 to read as follows:

3 S 553-H-1. BRIDGE CROSSINGS AND TUNNELS; SURCHARGE. 1. NO TOLL CHARGED
4 BY THE AUTHORITY FOR CROSSINGS OVER AN AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR USING AN
5 AUTHORITY TUNNEL SHALL BE INCREASED ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOU-
6 SAND NINE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE
7 CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE LIMIT THE AUTHORITY FROM IMPOSING A
8 SURCHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR TOLL CHARGED FOR CROSSINGS OVER AN
9 AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR USING AN AUTHORITY TUNNEL.

10 2. IN THE EVENT THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPOSE A SURCHARGE IN ADDITION TO
11 THE REGULAR TOLL FOR CROSSINGS OVER AN AUTHORITY BRIDGE OR USING AN
12 AUTHORITY TUNNEL, SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PART OF THE REGU-
13 LAR FARE, AND THE TOKENS OFFERED FOR SALE SHALL ALSO ENTITLE THE
14 PURCHASER TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH SURCHARGE IN AN
15 AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH SURCHARGE IMPOSED DURING CALENDAR
16 YEARS TWO THOUSAND NINE THROUGH TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN. APPLICATION FOR
17 SUCH TOKENS OR OTHER PAYMENT DEVICES SHALL BE MADE IN SUCH MANNER AS
18 PRESCRIBED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SHALL CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS THE
19 AUTHORITY MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE.

20 S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section
21 1219-a of the public authorities law, as amended by section 19 of part O
22 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

23 (i) [twenty-four] SEVENTY-TWO million dollars PLUS AN AUTOMATIC ANNUAL
24 INCREASE EQUAL TO ANY INCREASE AS DETERMINED BY THE AVERAGE MONTHLY

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

1 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK-NORTHEASTERN, NEW JERSEY
2 AREA, BASED UPON THE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) DURING THE
3 PRECEDING TWELVE MONTH PERIOD plus [fifty percentum] SEVENTY PER CENTUM
4 of the balance of such operating surplus shall be allocable to the
5 authority, and
6 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.