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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:

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

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

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

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

(i) [twenty-four] SEVENTY-TWO million dollars PLUS AN AUTOMATIC ANNUAL 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.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK-NORTHEASTERN, NEW JERSEY AREA, BASED UPON THE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) DURING THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTH PERIOD plus [fifty percentum] SEVENTY PER CENTUM of the balance of such operating surplus shall be allocable to the authority, and

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.