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Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to directing the metropolitan transportation authority to conduct a study on the feasibility of developing a Long Island high speed rail initiative

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 1263-a to read as follows:
3 S 1263-A. LITRACK HIGH SPEED RAIL INITIATIVE; STUDY. 1. THE AUTHORITY
4 IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PREPARE OR CAUSE TO BE PREPARED A
5 STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A LONG ISLAND HIGH SPEED RAIL
6 INITIATIVE. SUCH STUDY SHALL INCLUDE:
7 A. THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW SUBSIDIARY PUBLIC CORPORATION
8 OF THE AUTHORITY, TO BE CALLED LITRACK, TO OWN, OPERATE, ADMINISTER,
9 DEVELOP, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A HIGH SPEED RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
10 OPERATED IN THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY CORRIDOR BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY
11 AND SOUTHAMPTON, WITH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF STOPS ALONG SUCH CORRIDOR
12 NECESSARY TO SERVICE THE MAJOR POPULATION AREAS WITHIN LONG ISLAND ON OR
13 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.
14 B. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MATERIALS, ACQUISITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION, AND
15 THE EMERGENCY, TECHNICAL, ENGINEERING AND LEGAL ISSUES, NECESSARY TO
16 CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A LONG ISLAND HIGH SPEED RAIL INITIATIVE IN ORDER
17 TO PROVIDE PASSENGER SERVICE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, TWO
18 THOUSAND FOURTEEN.
19 C. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPITAL, OPERATING, AND CUSTOMER COSTS THAT
20 WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE LONG ISLAND HIGH SPEED
21 RAIL INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PASSENGER SERVICE ON OR BEFORE THE
22 FIRST DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

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

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1 D. THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONSISTENT
2 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8-0109 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
3 LAW.
4 2. THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT SETTING FORTH THE FINDINGS OF
5 THE FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS
6 SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPOR-
7 TATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, THE TEMPORARY
8 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE CHAIRS OF
9 THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION, ON OR
10 BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND TEN.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.