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AN ACT to amend the highway law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a mileage-based numbering system for exits along interstate highways within the state

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

1 Section 1. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 331 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 331. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE COMMIS-
4 SIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN
5 TO CONVERT EXIT NUMBERS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS
6 STATE TO A MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:
7 (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-
8 TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE
9 POST NUMBERING;
10 (B) FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THAT SUCH MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SHALL
11 BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE
12 HIGHWAY; AND
13 (C) MINIMIZE COST BY USING EXISTING ROADSIDE AND OVERHEAD SIGNS AND
14 ADD-ON PLATES TO DISPLAY NEW EXIT NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
15 2. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVER-
16 SION TO THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM MADE PURSUANT TO THIS
17 SECTION, THE EXIT NUMBER OF EACH EXIT PRIOR TO SUCH CONVERSION SHALL
18 CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT EACH SUCH EXIT.
19 3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION
20 SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.
21 S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 388
22 to read as follows:

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

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1 S 388. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE AUTHOR-
2 ITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IS HEREBY
3 AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONVERT EXIT
4 NUMBERS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE TO A MILE-
5 AGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:
6 (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-
7 TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE
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10 BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE
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18 3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION
19 SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.
20 S 3. The commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New
21 York state thruway authority shall work in cooperation and jointly
22 establish uniform standards and signage for the mileage-based exit
23 number required by the provisions of this act.
24 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.