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Introduced by Sens. C. JOHNSON, DIAZ, DUANE, MONTGOMERY, ONORATO, PARKER, SAMPSON, STAVISKY -- 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 commuter transportation authority to implement a program or arrangement to enable passengers to conveniently and efficiently traverse over the Queens county and Nassau county boundaries

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

1     Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:  
3     4-A. THE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD, LONG  
4     ISLAND BUS SERVICE AND NASSAU COUNTY BUS SERVICE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND  
5     IMPLEMENT A RECIPROCITY PROGRAM OR JOINT SERVICE ARRANGEMENT TO ENABLE  
6     PASSENGERS OF SUCH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CONVENIENTLY AND EFFI-  
7     CIENTLY TRAVERSE OVER THE QUEENS COUNTY AND NASSAU COUNTY BOUNDARIES  
8     WITHIN A FIVE MILE RADIUS FROM SUCH BOUNDARIES AND ACCESS LOCATIONS  
9     WITHIN QUEENS COUNTY AND NASSAU COUNTY. SUCH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
10    SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO TRANSPORTATION DISABLED PERSONS. THE AUTHORITY,  
11    LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD AND LONG ISLAND BUS SERVICE SHALL ALSO HAVE THE  
12    POWER TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT THE  
13    PROVISION OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
14    FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "TRANSPORTATION DISABLED PERSONS"  
15    SHALL MEAN ANY INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS IN WHEELCHAIRS, WHO, BY  
16    REASON OF ILLNESS, INJURY, AGE OR OTHER SEMI-PERMANENT OR PERMANENT  
17    INCAPACITY OR DISABILITY, IS UNABLE TO UTILIZE MASS TRANSPORTATION  
18    FACILITIES WITHOUT SPECIAL FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL PLANNING OR  
19    DESIGN.  
20    S 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impede, infringe or  
21    diminish the integrity of collective bargaining agreements in existence  
22    and effect on the effective date of this act. Nothing in this act shall

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

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1 be construed to impede, infringe or diminish any contract provisions in  
2 existence and effect on the effective date of this act.  
3 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
4 the program or agreement authorized by this act shall be implemented on  
5 or before the one hundred eightieth day after this act shall have become  
6 a law and that a report by the metropolitan commuter transportation  
7 authority containing the provisions of such program or agreement shall  
8 be made to the governor, the senate majority and minority leaders, the  
9 speaker of the assembly and the assembly minority leader, and the chair-  
10 person of the senate and assembly transportation committees 30 days  
11 prior to implementing such program or agreement.