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Introduced by Sen. DILAN -- (at request of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Inspector General) -- 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 requiring MTA officers and employees to report serious misconduct to the MTA inspector general

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

Section 1. Section 1279 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. EVERY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY, THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD, METRO NORTH RAILROAD, METROPOLITAN SUBURBAN BUS AUTHORITY, THE STATEN ISLAND RAPID TRANSIT OPERATING AUTHORITY, THE TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY, THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, THE MANHATTAN AND BRONX SURFACE TRANSIT OPERATING AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER AGENCY THAT MAY COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE AUTHORITY, OR WITHIN THEIR CUSTODY OR CONTROL, MUST REPORT PROMPTLY TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CORRUPTION, FRAUD, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR ABUSE BY ANOTHER OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE RELATING TO HIS OR HER OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, OR BY A PERSON HAVING BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE AUTHORITY OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING AGENCIES RELATING TO THOSE DEALINGS. THE KNOWING FAILURE OF ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE TO SO REPORT SHALL BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PENALTY. ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO ACTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION BY REPORTING TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION AS DEFINED IN SECTION SEVENTY-FIVE-B OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE OR OTHER ADVERSE PERSONNEL ACTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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