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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to discounted bridge and tunnel tokens issued to senior citizens

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-j to read as follows:

S 553-J. SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT TOKENS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, BUT SUBJECT TO AGREEMENTS WITH NOTEHOLDERS AND BONDHOLDERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL OFFER FOR SALE TO SENIOR CITIZENS AGE SIXTY YEARS OR OLDER, TOKENS, OR OTHER PAYMENT DEVICES, AND MAY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, REGULATE THE USE THEREOF. SUCH TOKENS OR OTHER PAYMENT DEVICES SHALL ENTITLE SENIOR CITIZENS TO CROSSINGS OVER THE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY AT A REDUCED COST OF FIFTY PERCENT OF THE REGULAR FARE OR TOLL IMPOSED. SUCH SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT SHALL BE APPLIED AFTER ANY AND ALL OTHER DISCOUNTS THAT THE SENIOR CITIZEN MAY BE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BY LAW HAVE BEEN APPLIED. IN THE EVENT THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPOSE A SURCHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR TOLL FOR CROSSINGS OVER SUCH BRIDGES AND TUNNELS, SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PART OF THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AND THE TOKENS OR OTHER PAYMENT DEVICES OFFERED FOR SALE TO SENIOR CITIZENS AS HEREIN PROVIDED SHALL ALSO ENTITLE THE PURCHASER TO A PERMANENT EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY SURCHARGE. 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. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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