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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the half fare rate program within the metropolitan transportation authority

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

Section 1. Subdivision 16 of section 1266 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 25 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for persons [with serious mental illness] who are eligible to receive SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE OR supplemental security income benefits [as defined pursuant to title sixteen of] UNDER the federal social security act and section two hundred nine OR THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX of the social services law. AN AWARD LETTER FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AS PROOF OF DISABILITY.

S 2. Subdivision 8 of section 1205 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 25 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for persons [with serious mental illness] who are eligible to receive SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE OR supplemental security income benefits [as defined pursuant to title sixteen of] UNDER the federal social security act and section two hundred nine OR THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX of the social services law. AN AWARD LETTER FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION MAY BE SUBMITTED AS PROOF OF DISABILITY. The half fare rate program established and implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be in operation during all hours in which such authority provides railroad, subway and/or omnibus services, and such program shall not be limited in operation to off-peak hours or to any other hours designated by the authority or its subsidiary corporations.

S 3. 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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