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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the highway law, in relation to removing the Niagara section of the New York state thruway from the control of the thruway authority and to putting the Niagara section of the New York state thruway under the control of the department of transportation; and to repeal certain provisions of the public authorities law and the highway law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 356 of the public authorities law
2 is REPEALED and subdivision 9 is renumbered subdivision 8.
3 S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 356-a of the public authorities law is
4 REPEALED and subdivision 5, as added by chapter 741 of the laws of 1957,
5 is amended to read as follows:
6 [5] 4. The thruway constructed along the route described in subdivi-
7 sion [nine] EIGHT of section three hundred fifty-six of this article
8 shall be known as "The Algonquin Path".
9 S 3. Subdivision 6 of section 349-a of the highway law is REPEALED and
10 subdivisions 7, 8 and 9 are renumbered subdivisions 6, 7 and 8.
11 S 4. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 341-b to read
12 as follows:
13 S 341-B. ACCEPTANCE OF A BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY AS PART OF THE STATE HIGH-
14 WAY SYSTEM. THE STATE HEREBY ACCEPTS AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF STATE
15 HIGHWAYS A CERTAIN BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY STARTING AT THE JUNCTION OF THE
16 ERIE AND THE ONTARIO SECTIONS OF THE THRUWAY AT A POINT IN THE VICINITY
17 OF THE CROSSING OF DINGENS STREET AND THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD IN THE
18 TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA, THENCE GENERALLY IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO ERIE
19 STREET IN THE CITY OF BUFFALO, THENCE CONTINUING IN A GENERAL NORTHWES-
20 TERLY DIRECTION TO THE FRONT, THENCE THROUGH THE FRONT AND NORTH BETWEEN

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

1 NIAGARA STREET AND THE SHIP CANAL TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ABANDONED
2 ERIE CANAL NEAR THE NORTHERN END OF SUCH SHIP CANAL, THENCE GENERALLY
3 ALONG SUCH RIGHT OF WAY, DEVIATING THEREFROM TO MAKE A CONNECTION WITH
4 THE EASTERLY APPROACH OF THE SOUTH GRAND ISLAND BRIDGE, THENCE ACROSS
5 THE NIAGARA RIVER, UTILIZING THE EXISTING SOUTH GRAND ISLAND, THENCE
6 ALONG OR PARALLEL TO EXISTING GRAND ISLAND BOULEVARD, ACROSS THE NIAGARA
7 RIVER, UTILIZING THE EXISTING NORTH GRAND ISLAND BRIDGE AND SUCH BRIDGE
8 AND HIGHWAY SHALL HEREAFTER BE A PART OF SUCH SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE
9 SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, AND BE
10 HEREAFTER MAINTAINED, REPAIRED OR RECONSTRUCTED SOLELY AT THE EXPENSE OF
11 THE STATE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

12 THE AFORESAID HIGHWAY SHALL BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMIS-
13 SIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND IN ANY FUTURE IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE
14 FOR FEDERAL AID IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER STATE HIGHWAY OR BRIDGE.

15 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
16 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
17 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
18 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
19 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such date.