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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to a prohibition on diversion of resources from dedicated funds derived from taxes and fees that support the Niagara frontier transportation authority and its subsidiaries in certain instances

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

- 1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 183 to 2 read as follows:
  - S 183. DIVERSION OF FUNDS DEDICATED TO THE NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE IS PROHIBITED. 1. THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM DIVERTING REVENUES DERIVED FROM TAXES AND FEES PAID BY THE PUBLIC INTO ANY FUND CREATED BY LAW INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED, TO SECTION NINETY-NINE-H OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SIX, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ANY OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE OR INTO ANY OTHER FUND MAINTAINED FOR THE SUPPORT OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE. NO DIVERSION OF FUNDS CAN OCCUR CONTRARY TO THIS SECTION BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACT OF THE DIRECTOR OR ANY OTHER PERSON IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUT CAN OCCUR ONLY UPON A STATUTE ENACTED INTO LAW AUTHORIZING A DIVERSION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION.
  - 2. IF ANY DIVERSION OF FUNDS OCCURS BY PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DURING A REGULAR OR EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE BUDGET OR LEGISLATION DIVERTING FUNDS SHALL INCLUDE A DIVERSION IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
    - (A) THE AMOUNT OF THE DIVERSION FROM DEDICATED FUNDS;
    - (B) THE AMOUNT DIVERTED FROM EACH FUND;

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- (C) THE AMOUNT DIVERTED EXPRESSED AS CURRENT MONTHLY FARES;
- 24 (D) THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF DIVERSION FROM DEDICATED FUNDS DURING THE 25 PRECEDING FIVE YEARS;
  - (E) THE DATE OR DATES WHEN THE DIVERSION IS TO OCCUR; AND

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

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(F) A DETAILED ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT OF DIVERSION FROM DEDICATED FUNDS WILL HAVE ON THE LEVEL OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, MAINTENANCE,

3 SECURITY, AND THE CURRENT CAPITAL PROGRAM. 4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.