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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- 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 administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to transfer any remaining money on an expired pay-per-ride MetroCard to a new MetroCard, and enacting certain other technical provisions

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

Section 1. Section 1261 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11-a to read as follows:

11-A. "METROCARD" SHALL MEAN ANY CARD WHETHER PAY-PER-RIDE OR UNLIMITED RIDE, SOLD FOR TRAVEL ON THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT BUSES, INCLUDING ROUTES OPERATED BY OTHER OPERATORS UNDER CONTRACT TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA); MTA BUS, AND MTA LONG ISLAND BUS SYSTEMS; THE PATH SUBWAY SYSTEM; THE ROOSEVELT ISLAND TRAM; AIRTRAIN JFK; AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY BEE-LINE BUS SYSTEM ON WHICH THE CUSTOMER ELECTRONICALLY LOADS FARES WHETHER THE CARD IS SOLD BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ANY OF SUCH AUTHORITIES' AUTHORIZED AGENTS, NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANTS, OR PURCHASED THROUGH ANY EMPLOYER TRANSIT PROGRAMS.

S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1266-j to read as follows:

S 1266-J. EXPIRED PAY-PER-RIDE METROCARDS WITH UNUSED BALANCES. THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER ANY REMAINING MONEY ON AN EXPIRED PAY-PER-RIDE METROCARD TO A NEW PAY-PER-RIDE METROCARD AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS TITLE AT THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT HAS LAPSED SINCE THE INITIAL EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CARD.

S 3. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 20-706-a to read as follows:

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

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S 20-706-A EXPIRED PAY-PER-RIDE METROCARDS WITH UNUSED BALANCES. THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TRANSFER ANY REMAINING MONEY ON AN EXPIRED PAY-PER-RIDE METROCARD TO A NEW CARD AT THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT HAS LAPSED SINCE THE INITIAL EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CARD.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.