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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the New York State Thruway Authority to develop and implement a program providing for all electronic tolling on the Tappan Zee Bridge and directing the New York State Thruway Authority to prepare a report on the effectiveness of the program

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 389 to read as follows:

S 389. ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING" MEANS A TOLLING SYSTEM THAT ONLY ALLOWS PAYMENT ELECTRONICALLY AND VEHICLES MUST EITHER HAVE A TRANSPONDER OR BE BILLED THE AMOUNT OWED AT A LATER DATE.

2. THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT "ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING" ON THE TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE DURING HOURS OF HIGH VOLUME BY DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN. THE HOURS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY BASED ON THE BRIDGE'S HIGHEST TIMES OF VOLUME. THE PROGRAM WILL ELIMINATE CASH TOLLS DURING THESE TIMES ON THE TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE. CASH CUSTOMERS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER AND SUBSEQUENTLY BE SENT A BILL FOR THE OWED TOLL. THE CUSTOMER SHALL HAVE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS TO PAY IN FULL THE TOLL OWED AND MUST BE OFFERED THE ABILITY TO PAY THROUGH PERSON, MAIL OR ONLINE. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENCLOSE WITH EACH BILL FOR CASH TOLLS INFORMATION ON THE EZ-PASS PROGRAM.

3. THE AUTHORITY SHALL BILL OUT OF STATE CASH CUSTOMERS THE TOLL AND MAY INCLUDE A SURCHARGE NOT TO EXCEED TEN PER CENTUM OF THE TOTAL TOLL.

4. THE AUTHORITY SHALL COMMENCE A STUDY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALL

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

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ELECTRONIC TOLLING PROGRAM ON THE TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE. THE STUDY SHALL EXAMINE THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. CONGESTION;

B. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS;

C. COMMUTE TIMES;

D. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS;

E. TOLL REVENUE;

F. CUSTOMER SATISFACTION; AND

G. COST OF IMPLEMENTATION.

5. A COPY OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

6. THE ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING PROGRAM SHALL BE DEEMED EXPIRED ON DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.