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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of 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 discounted tolls on the Verrazano-Narrows bridge for residents of Kings county

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 553-j to read as follows:

S 553-J. VERRAZANO-NARROWS REDUCED TOLL; KINGS COUNTY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, BUT SUBJECT TO AGREEMENTS WITH NOTEHOLDERS AND BONDHOLDERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A REDUCED TOLL FOR RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, WHICH SHALL ENTITLE SUCH RESIDENTS TO CROSSINGS OVER THE VERRAZANO-NARROWS BRIDGE AT A REDUCED COST OF FIFTY-EIGHT PER CENTUM OF THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE IMPOSED ON NONRESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS. IN THE EVENT THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPOSE A SURCHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR TOLL FOR CROSSINGS OVER THE VERRAZANO-NARROWS BRIDGE, SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PART OF THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AND SUCH RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A PERMANENT EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH SURCHARGE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO RESIDENTS OF KINGS COUNTY WHO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC METHOD OF TOLL PAYMENT AND WHO CROSS THE VERRAZANO-NARROWS BRIDGE THREE OR MORE TIMES PER MONTH. APPLICATION FOR SUCH DISCOUNT SHALL BE MADE IN SUCH MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SHALL CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS THE AUTHORITY MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE.

S 2. 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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