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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, ABBATE, GALEF -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, COLTON, ROBINSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to direct the New York state thruway authority, the metropolitan transportation authority and the port authority of New York and New Jersey to conduct a study to review the placement of cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems

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

Section 1. The New York state thruway authority and the metropolitan transportation authority (hereinafter referred to in this act as the "authorities") are each hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study to review existing rules and regulations on the placement of cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems, as defined in subdivision 12 of section 2985 of the public authorities law, at all toll barriers and interchanges operated by each such authority. Such studies shall examine the effect of the current placement of cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems on traffic flow and volume through toll barriers and interchanges, and on vehicle occupant and toll collector safety. Following such review and study, the authorities each shall determine whether changes to the current placement of such lanes at toll barriers and interchanges under their respective jurisdictions should be instituted to make such placement uniform, and whether such uniform placement would maximize the efficient flow of traffic and improve the safety of vehicle occupants and toll collectors. The chairman of the New York state thruway authority and the chairman of the metropolitan transportation authority shall each report such findings to the governor and the legislature by January 30, 2015.

S 2. The port authority of New York and New Jersey is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study to review existing rules and regulations on the placement of cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic

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

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toll collection systems, as defined in subdivision 12 of section 2985 of the public authorities law, at all toll barriers and interchanges operated by such authority within the territorial limits of the state of New York. Such study shall examine the effect of the current placement of cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems on traffic flow and volume through toll barriers and interchanges and on vehicle occupant and toll collector safety. Following such review and study, such authority shall determine whether changes to the current placement of such lanes at toll barriers and interchanges should be instituted to make such placement uniform, and whether such uniform placement would maximize the efficient flow of traffic and improve the safety of vehicle occupants and toll collectors. The chairman of the port authority of New York and New Jersey shall report such findings to the governors and the legislatures of the states of New York and New Jersey by January 30, 2015.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that:

a. section two of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with such section, but if the state of New Jersey has already enacted such legislation, section two of this act shall take effect on the same date this act takes effect;

b. the New York state thruway authority and the metropolitan transportation authority are authorized and directed to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before such effective date; and

c. the chairman of the port authority of New York and New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of the legislation provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.