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

AN ACT to amend the highway law and the public authorities law, in  
relation to establishing a mileage-based numbering system for exits  
along interstate highways within the state

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

1     Section 1. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 332 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 332. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE COMMIS-  
4     SIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE  
5     THEREFOR, TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONVERT EXIT NUMBERS ALONG  
6     INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE TO A MILEAGE-BASED EXIT  
7     NUMBERING SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:  
8     (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-  
9     TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE  
10    POST NUMBERING;  
11    (B) FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THAT SUCH MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SHALL  
12    BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE  
13    HIGHWAY; AND  
14    (C) MINIMIZE COST BY USING EXISTING ROADSIDE AND OVERHEAD SIGNS AND  
15    ADD-ON PLATES TO DISPLAY NEW EXIT NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.  
16    2. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVER-  
17    SION TO THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM MADE PURSUANT TO THIS  
18    SECTION, THE EXIT NUMBER OF EACH EXIT PRIOR TO SUCH CONVERSION SHALL  
19    CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT EACH SUCH EXIT.  
20    3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION  
21    SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.  
22    S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 389  
23    to read as follows:

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

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1 S 389. MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERS; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. 1. THE AUTHOR-  
2 ITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IS HEREBY  
3 AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE THEREFOR, TO  
4 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO CONVERT EXIT NUMBERS ALONG INTERSTATE  
5 HIGHWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE TO A MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING  
6 SYSTEM. SUCH SYSTEM SHALL:

7 (A) FOLLOW, AS CLOSELY AS IS PRACTICABLE, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-  
8 TRATION INTERCHANGE EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF MILEAGE-BASED REFERENCE  
9 POST NUMBERING;

10 (B) FOLLOW THE CONVENTION THAT SUCH MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SHALL  
11 BEGIN AT THE SOUTHERNMOST OR WESTERNMOST TERMINUS OF SUCH INTERSTATE  
12 HIGHWAY; AND

13 (C) MINIMIZE COST BY USING EXISTING ROADSIDE AND OVERHEAD SIGNS AND  
14 ADD-ON PLATES TO DISPLAY NEW EXIT NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

15 2. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CONVER-  
16 SION TO THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM MADE PURSUANT TO THIS  
17 SECTION, THE EXIT NUMBER OF EACH EXIT PRIOR TO SUCH CONVERSION SHALL  
18 CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED AT EACH SUCH EXIT.

19 3. THE MILEAGE-BASED EXIT NUMBERING SYSTEM SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION  
20 SHALL BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

21 S 3. The commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New  
22 York state thruway authority shall work in cooperation and jointly  
23 establish uniform standards and signage for the mileage-based exit  
24 number required by the provisions of this act.

25 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.