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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to allowing the New York state thruway authority to provide a discounted toll rate to farmers transporting agricultural products

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

1     Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 354-a to read as follows:  
3     S 354-A. DISCOUNT FOR FARMERS. FARMERS, ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES LISTED  
4     IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWO OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW,  
5     AND PRODUCING PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION TWO OF  
6     THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW, SHALL RECEIVE A TOLL DISCOUNT ON ROADS  
7     MAINTAINED BY THE THRUWAY AUTHORITY. THOSE FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX  
8     EXEMPTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH TWO OF SUBSECTION (A) OF  
9     SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIX OF THE TAX LAW WILL BE DISCOUNTED FIFTY PERCENT  
10    OF THE NORMAL TOLL RATE. THIS DISCOUNT SHALL NOT APPLY TO SURCHARGES IN  
11    ADDITION TO THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE, AND SHALL NOT BE USED IN OCCA-  
12    SIONS OF NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAVEL. FARMERS RECEIVING THE TAX  
13    EXEMPTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH TWO OF SUBSECTION (A) OF  
14    SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIX OF THE TAX LAW MAY FILE THE CERTIFICATE PRODUCED  
15    FOR THAT EXEMPTION WITH THE THRUWAY AUTHORITY. UPON RECEIVING THE  
16    CERTIFICATE, THE THRUWAY AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE E-ZPASS TAGS TO THE FARM-  
17    ERS, PROVIDING THEM THE FIFTY PERCENT TOLL RATE DISCOUNT.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

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

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