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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to commuter  
passes on the New York state thruway in the Syracuse area

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

1     Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 378 of the public author-  
2     ities law is designated subdivision 1 and a new subdivision 2 is added  
3     to read as follows:  
4     2. (A) THE AUTHORITY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ISSUE ANNUAL  
5     SHORT DISTANCE COMMUTER PERMITS WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR TRAVEL AT NO  
6     CHARGE BETWEEN INTERCHANGES IN PERMIT AREAS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDI-  
7     VISION, THE TERM "PERMIT AREA" SHALL MEAN THE FOLLOWING SET OF INTER-  
8     CHANGES: THIRTY-FOUR-A, THIRTY-FIVE, THIRTY-SIX, THIRTY-SEVEN, THIRTY-  
9     EIGHT AND THIRTY-NINE. SUCH PERMITS SHALL BE VALID ONLY FOR TRAVEL  
10    WITHIN THE PERMIT AREA. THE AUTHORITY MAY RESTRICT THE USE OF SUCH  
11    PERMIT TO PEAK COMMUTER HOURS.  
12    (B) IF, UPON THE COMPLETION OF AN AUDIT CONDUCTED BY A CERTIFIED  
13    PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT SELECTED BY THE AUTHORITY, THE AUTHORITY CAN DEMON-  
14    STRATE THAT THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AS AUTHORIZED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF  
15    THIS SUBDIVISION FOR USE DURING PEAK COMMUTER HOURS CAUSES A SIGNIFICANT  
16    LOSS OF REVENUE TO THE AUTHORITY, THE AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED, PURSUANT  
17    TO A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD, TO OFFER SUCH PERMITS AT A DISCOUNT OF THE  
18    CASH COST PER MILE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT, PRIOR TO SUCH BOARD RESOL-  
19    UTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE  
20    PERMIT AREA, AT A TIME AND LOCATION WHICH WILL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICA-  
21    BLE, MAXIMIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  
22    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
23    it shall have become a law, provided, however, that the thruway authori-  
24    ty shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the imple-  
25    mentation of this act on or before such effective date.

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

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