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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 ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The New York state thruway authority and the metropolitan
2 transportation authority (hereinafter referred to in this act as the
3 "authorities") are each hereby authorized and directed to conduct a
4 study to review existing rules and regulations on the placement of cash
5 lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems, as defined
6 in subdivision 12 of section 2985 of the public authorities law, at all
7 toll barriers and interchanges operated by each such authority. Such
8 studies shall examine the effect of the current placement of cash lanes
9 and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems on traffic flow
10 and volume through toll barriers and interchanges, and on vehicle occu-
11 pant and toll collector safety. Following such review and study, the
12 authorities each shall determine whether changes to the current place-
13 ment of such lanes at toll barriers and interchanges under their respec-
14 tive jurisdictions should be instituted to make such placement uniform,
15 and whether such uniform placement would maximize the efficient flow of
16 traffic and improve the safety of vehicle occupants and toll collectors.
17 The chairman of the New York state thruway authority and the chairman of
18 the metropolitan transportation authority shall each report such find-
19 ings to the governor and the legislature by January 30, 2017.
20 S 2. The port authority of New York and New Jersey is hereby author-
21 ized and directed to conduct a study to review existing rules and regu-
22 lations 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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1 toll collection systems, as defined in subdivision 12 of section 2985 of
2 the public authorities law, at all toll barriers and interchanges oper-
3 ated by such authority within the territorial limits of the state of New
4 York. Such study shall examine the effect of the current placement of
5 cash lanes and lanes utilizing electronic toll collection systems on
6 traffic flow and volume through toll barriers and interchanges and on
7 vehicle occupant and toll collector safety. Following such review and
8 study, such authority shall determine whether changes to the current
9 placement of such lanes at toll barriers and interchanges should be
10 instituted to make such placement uniform, and whether such uniform
11 placement would maximize the efficient flow of traffic and improve the
12 safety of vehicle occupants and toll collectors. The chairman of the
13 port authority of New York and New Jersey shall report such findings to
14 the governors and the legislatures of the states of New York and New
15 Jersey by January 30, 2017.

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

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

23 b. the New York state thruway authority and the metropolitan transpor-
24 tation authority are authorized and directed to promulgate any rules and
25 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or
26 before such effective date; and

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