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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CURRAN, FINCH, HARRIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing reduced-fare tokens for the Verrazano-Narrows bridge for residents of Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties using such bridge to travel to their place of employment

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 553-f of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 2 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

§ 553-f. Tokens. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, but subject to agreements with noteholders and bondholders, the authority shall offer for sale tokens with respect to residents of the county of Richmond and may, except as otherwise provided herein, regulate the use thereof. Tokens for residents of the county of Richmond shall entitle the purchaser to crossings over the Verrazano-Narrows bridge at a reduced cost of eighty per centum of the regular crossing fare imposed on nonresidents of the county of Richmond. In the event the authority shall impose a surcharge in addition to the regular toll for crossings over the Verrazano-Narrows bridge, such surcharge shall not be deemed a part of the regular crossing fare for purposes of this section, and the tokens offered for sale to the residents of the [~~county~~] **counties** of Richmond**, Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk** as herein provided shall also entitle the purchaser to a permanent exemption from the payment of any such surcharge in an amount equal to the amount of any such surcharge imposed during calendar year nineteen hundred ninety-three. **Tokens for residents of the counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk who travel over such bridge to reach their places of employment shall entitle the purchaser to crossings over the Verrazano-Narrows bridge at a reduced cost of eighty per centum of the regular crossing fare imposed on nonresidents of the counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau,**

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

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and Suffolk who do not so travel. Application for such tokens or other payment devices shall be made in such manner as prescribed by the authority and shall contain such information as the authority may reasonably require.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.