

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to expanding the powers of the New York thruway authority to include contributing to the financing of certain local highway and bridge improvements; to amend the highway law, in relation to establishing the E-Z Pave roadway assistance program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund

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 382 to read as follows:

3 § 382. Further additional powers of the authority to finance certain
4 local highway and bridge improvements. 1. The authority is hereby
5 authorized and directed, as additional corporate purposes thereof:

6 (a) to charge out-of-state E-ZPass drivers who enter and exit local
7 thruway toll booths the cash payment rate rather than the discounted
8 E-ZPass rate; and

9 (b) to make available the proceeds resulting from the difference
10 between such rates, net of all costs to the authority in connection
11 therewith, for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the capital
12 costs of local highway and bridge projects pursuant to section ten-h
13 of the highway law, including the construction, reconstruction, enhance-
14 ment, improvement, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabili-
15 tation and preservation of public city, county, town and village roads,
16 highways and bridges.

17 2. Funds available for distribution as provided in subdivision one of
18 this section shall be calculated and deposited quarterly by the authori-
19 ty into the E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund account established pursu-
20 ant to section eighty-nine-i of the state finance law on the first day
21 of January, April, July and October of each year.

22 3. Not less than one hundred twenty days before the beginning of each
23 state fiscal year, the chairman of the authority shall certify to the
24 comptroller a schedule of anticipated funds available for distribution,

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

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1 together with a breakdown of the amount of funds to be distributed to
 2 the city of New York and to each county outside the city of New York in
 3 which there is located at least one local thruway toll booth entrance or
 4 exit. The total amount so certified for such fiscal year shall be equal
 5 to the total amount of the difference between the cash payment rate
 6 charged to out-of-state E-ZPass drivers who exit local thruway toll
 7 booths and the E-ZPass rate, together with any applicable interest ther-
 8 eon. Such certification shall provide for payments to the city of New
 9 York and to counties outside the city of New York no later than January
 10 fifteenth of each year. Upon receipt of such certification, the comp-
 11 troller shall pay such amounts to the city of New York and to the appli-
 12 cable counties outside the city of New York.

13 4. For purposes of this section, "out-of-state E-ZPass drivers" mean
 14 drivers who have E-ZPass devices registered in states other than New
 15 York.

16 § 2. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 10-h to read
 17 as follows:

18 § 10-h. E-Z Pave roadway assistance program. 1. Notwithstanding any
 19 other provisions of this chapter or any other law, and subject to avail-
 20 able funding therefor as provided in section three hundred eighty-two of
 21 the public authorities law, and in accordance with the provisions of
 22 this section and with the rules and regulations promulgated by the
 23 commissioner in connection therewith, there is hereby established the
 24 E-Z Pave roadway assistance program for the purpose of making payments
 25 to the city of New York and to certain counties outside of New York city
 26 for the construction, operation and/or maintenance of certain public
 27 county, town, city and village roads, highways and bridges that are not
 28 a part of the state highway system or the New York thruway system. The
 29 commissioner shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations to
 30 carry out the program so that an equitable distribution of aid shall be
 31 made for the construction, operation and/or maintenance of qualifying
 32 roads, highways and bridges in accordance with the provisions of this
 33 section.

34 2. On or before the fifteenth day of April in each year, there shall
 35 be distributed and paid the following amounts:

36 (a) to the city of New York, an amount equal to the total amount of
 37 the difference between the cash payment rate charged to out-of-state
 38 E-ZPass drivers who exit thruway toll booths located within the city and
 39 the E-ZPass rate, together with any applicable interest thereon; and

40 (b) to each county outside of the city of New York in which there is
 41 located at least one thruway toll booth exit, an amount equal to the
 42 total amount of the difference between the cash payment rate charged to
 43 out-of-state E-ZPass drivers who exit local thruway toll booths within
 44 that county and the E-ZPass rate, together with any applicable interest
 45 thereon.

46 3. (a) Amounts shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions
 47 of section eighty-nine-i of the state finance law for local roads, high-
 48 ways and bridges and shall be distributed among four jurisdictional
 49 systems based on relative vehicle miles of travel as follows:

<u>JURISDICTIONAL</u>	<u>PERCENT OF</u>
<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL</u>
<u>Cities</u>	<u>42.7</u>
<u>Counties</u>	<u>18.5</u>
<u>Villages</u>	<u>10.7</u>
<u>Towns</u>	<u>28.1</u>

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2	<u>Total</u>	<u>100.0</u>

3 (b) Within each jurisdictional system, the distribution made to each
4 municipality shall be based on the ratio of the number of lane miles
5 under the maintenance jurisdiction, except interstate and state high-
6 ways, of each municipality that is devoted to the movement of traffic,
7 excluding lanes devoted to the parking of vehicles, to the total number
8 of such lane miles under the operational jurisdiction, except interstate
9 and state highways, of all municipalities in the state within each
10 jurisdictional system.

11 (c) Funds allocated for local road, highway or bridge projects under
12 this subdivision shall be used to undertake work on a project either
13 with the municipality's own forces or by contract, provided however,
14 that whenever the estimate for the construction contract work exceeds
15 one hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty thou-
16 sand dollars such work must be performed either with the municipality's
17 own forces or by contract let by competitive bid in accordance with the
18 provisions of section one hundred three of the general municipal law;
19 and provided further, however, that whenever the estimate for the
20 construction contract work exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars
21 such work must be performed by contract let by competitive bid in
22 accordance with the provisions of section one hundred three of the
23 general municipal law.

24 4. Each municipality shall use at least seventy-five percent of the
25 funds it receives for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of
26 local roads, highways and bridges, including right of way acquisition,
27 preliminary engineering, and construction supervision and inspection,
28 where the service life of the project is at least ten years. Such moneys
29 made available may be used to match other state and federal funds made
30 available for such projects under federal-aid highway acts. The remain-
31 der of the apportionment may be used for any highway purposes, except
32 debt service, including but not limited to, the acquisition of materials
33 and equipment devoted to operation and maintenance of local highways,
34 bridges and/or highway-railroad crossings and the payment of any costs
35 directly attributable to operation and maintenance of local roads, high-
36 ways and bridges. At the discretion of the commissioner, the requirement
37 specified in this subdivision may be waived for assistance payments in
38 amounts of less than five thousand dollars.

39 5. For any city, town, or village which consolidates or merges with
40 another municipality, the resulting successor government shall file with
41 the office of the state comptroller a certificate of any such consol-
42 idation, merger and any accompanying dissolution. In the event that the
43 amount which would otherwise be apportioned to the individual govern-
44 ments exceeds the amount which is payable to the successor government
45 pursuant to this section, such successor government shall receive no
46 less in consolidated local highway apportionments than the predecessor
47 governments would have received in the aggregate had the merger or
48 consolidation not occurred.

49 6. For purposes of this section, "out-of-state E-ZPass drivers" mean
50 drivers who have E-ZPass devices registered in states other than New
51 York.

52 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 89-i to
53 read as follows:

54 § 89-i. E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund. 1. There is hereby estab-
55 lished in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance

1 and the comptroller a fund to be known as the "E-Z Pave roadway assist-
2 ance fund".

3 2. The E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund shall consist of moneys
4 collected and deposited into the account by the New York state thruway
5 authority in accordance with the provisions of section three hundred
6 eighty-two of the public authorities law.

7 3. Moneys in the E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund shall be kept sepa-
8 rate from and shall not be commingled with any other moneys in the
9 custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the comptroller.
10 All deposits of such moneys shall, if required by the comptroller, be
11 secured by obligations of the United States or of the state of market
12 value equal at all times to the amount of the deposit and all banks and
13 trust companies are authorized to give such securities for such depos-
14 its.

15 4. Moneys of the fund shall be made available for payments under the
16 E-Z Pave roadway assistance program established pursuant to section
17 ten-h of the highway law to the city of New York and to certain counties
18 outside of New York city for the construction, operation and/or mainte-
19 nance of certain public city, county, town and village roads, highways
20 and bridges that are not a part of the state highway system or the New
21 York thruway system.

22 5. All payments of moneys from the E-Z Pave roadway assistance fund
23 shall be made on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers
24 certified or approved by the chairman of the New York state thruway
25 authority.

26 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
27 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.