STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 28, 2018

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the triborough bridge authority to establish a cashless tolling amnesty program and requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to post their fee waiver policy on their website; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new 2 section 553-j to read as follows:

3 § 553-j. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding subdivi-4 sion five of section five hundred fifty-three of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any bridge or tunnel operated by the 7 authority.

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- 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or 10 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees related to such paid tolls 13 waived for a period of six months from the effective date of this 14 section.
- 3. Notwithstanding subdivision five of section five hundred fifty-15 three of this title or any other law, any cashless toll violation fee 16 charged to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity for the use of 17 any bridge or tunnel operated by the authority shall not exceed twice 18 19 the amount of the toll charged for using such bridge or tunnel for a 20 period of ninety days from the effective date of this section and shall 21 not exceed three times the amount of the toll charged for using such bridge or tunnel for an additional ninety day period following the 22 23 initial ninety day period.
- 24 § 2. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a 25 new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:

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

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1 <u>3-b. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website the most</u> 2 <u>current version of its fee waiver policy.</u>

3 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that 4 the provisions of section one of this act shall expire and be deemed 5 repealed one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act.