STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the highway law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a mileage-based numbering system for exits along interstate highways within the state

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

Section 1. The highway law is amended by adding a new section 332 to 2 read as follows:

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- § 332. Mileage-based exit numbers; interstate highways. 1. The commis-4 sioner is hereby authorized and directed, subject to appropriations made therefor, to develop and implement a plan to convert exit numbers along interstate highways located within this state to a mileage-based exit numbering system. Such system shall:
- 8 (a) follow, as closely as is practicable, the federal highway adminis-9 tration interchange exit numbering system of mileage-based reference 10 post numbering;
- (b) follow the convention that such mileage-based exit numbering shall 11 12 begin at the southernmost or westernmost terminus of such interstate 13 highway; and
- 14 (c) minimize cost by using existing roadside and overhead signs and 15 add-on plates to display new exit numbers whenever possible.
- 2. For a period of two years following the completion of the conver-16 sion to the mileage-based exit numbering system made pursuant to this 17 section, the exit number of each exit prior to such conversion shall 18 19 continue to be displayed at each such exit.
- 20 3. The mileage-based exit numbering system set forth in this section 21 shall be completed on or before January first, two thousand twenty-one.
- 22 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 389 23 to read as follows:

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

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§ 389. Mileage-based exit numbers; interstate highways. 1. The authority, in consultation with the department of transportation, is hereby authorized and directed, subject to appropriations made therefor, to develop and implement a plan to convert exit numbers along interstate highways located within this state to a mileage-based exit numbering system. Such system shall:

- (a) follow, as closely as is practicable, the federal highway administration interchange exit numbering system of mileage-based reference post numbering;
- 10 (b) follow the convention that such mileage-based exit numbering shall 11 begin at the southernmost or westernmost terminus of such interstate 12 highway; and
 - (c) minimize cost by using existing roadside and overhead signs and add-on plates to display new exit numbers whenever possible.
- 15 2. For a period of two years following the completion of the conver-16 sion to the mileage-based exit numbering system made pursuant to this 17 section, the exit number of each exit prior to such conversion shall continue to be displayed at each such exit. 18
- 19 3. The mileage-based exit numbering system set forth in this section 20 shall be completed on or before January first, two thousand twenty-one.
- § 3. The commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New 22 York state thruway authority shall work in cooperation and jointly establish uniform standards and signage for the mileage-based exit 23 number required by the provisions of this act. 24
- 25 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.