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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 6, 2017

Introduced by Sens. VALESKY, SERINO -- 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 allowing the New York state thruway authority to provide a discounted toll rate to farmers transporting agricultural products

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 section 354-a to read as follows:

§ 354-a. Discount for farmers. Farmers, engaged in activities listed in subdivision four of section two of the agriculture and markets law, and producing products as defined in subdivision five of section two of the agriculture and markets law, shall receive a toll discount on roads maintained by the thruway authority. Those farmers eligible for a tax exemption under subparagraph (A) of paragraph two of subsection (a) of section six hundred six of the tax law will be discounted fifty percent of the normal toll rate. This discount shall not apply to surcharges in addition to the regular crossing fare, and shall not be used in occasions of non-commercial vehicle travel. Farmers receiving the tax exemption under subparagraph (A) of paragraph two of subsection (a) of section six hundred six of the tax law may file the certificate produced for that exemption with the thruway authority. Upon receiving the certificate, the thruway authority shall issue E-ZPass tags to the farmers, providing them the fifty percent toll rate discount.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

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

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