

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Carroll) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities
and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the New York City transit authority to operate its facilities and level of service on a daily twenty-four hour basis unless a declared state of emergency is in effect, requiring the New York City transit authority or the metropolitan transportation authority subway system to require that the levels of service furnished upon the rapid transit facilities maintained in the city of New York provide continuous service for twenty-four hours a day when a declared state of emergency is not in effect, and requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to require the New York City transit authority railroad facilities and levels of service to be operated and maintained on a daily twenty-four hour basis unless a declared state of emergency is in effect

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1202 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 12 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

1. The purposes of the authority shall be the acquisition of the transit facilities operated by the board of transportation of the city, the operation of transit facilities in accordance with the provisions of this title for the convenience and safety of the public on a basis which will enable the operations thereof, exclusive of capital costs, to be self-sustaining and continuously operated on a daily twenty-four hour basis unless a declared state of emergency is in effect, and, in coordination with the metropolitan transportation authority and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, the continuance, further development and improvement of commuter transportation and other services related thereto within the metropolitan commuter transportation district and the development and implementation of a unified mass transportation policy for such district.

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

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1 § 2. Section 1205 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

3 9. Subject to the provisions of this section and any other applicable
4 provisions of law, the authority or the metropolitan transportation
5 authority shall require that the levels of service furnished upon the
6 rapid transit facilities it maintains in the city of New York shall
7 provide continuous daily service for twenty-four hours a day except when
8 a declared state of emergency is in effect. In the event of a reduction
9 in service during a declared state of emergency, there shall be no
10 substantial or general change in the levels of service furnished upon
11 such rapid transit facilities after the emergency has been lifted rela-
12 tive to the time before such state of emergency declaration except upon
13 the approval of a majority of the entire board of the authority and
14 approval of a majority of the entire board of the metropolitan transpor-
15 tation authority. No substantial or general changes in the levels of
16 service or complete or partial closing of a passenger station within the
17 city of New York shall occur except in accordance with this article.

18 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1264 of the public authorities law, as
19 amended by section 2 of subpart B of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws
20 of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

21 1. The purposes of the authority shall be the continuance, further
22 development and improvement of commuter transportation and other
23 services related thereto within the metropolitan commuter transportation
24 district, including but not limited to such transportation by railroad,
25 omnibus, marine and air, in accordance with the provisions of this
26 title. It shall be the further purpose of the authority, consistent with
27 its status as the ex officio board of both the New York city transit
28 authority and the [~~triborough~~ Triborough] bridge and tunnel authority,
29 to develop and implement a unified mass transportation policy for such
30 district in an efficient and cost-effective manner that includes mainte-
31 nance of continuous operations of the New York City transit authority
32 railroad facilities and levels of service on a daily twenty-four hour
33 basis unless a declared state of emergency is in effect and the use of
34 design-build contracting on all projects over twenty-five million
35 dollars in cost except where a waiver is granted by the New York state
36 budget director pursuant to a request in writing from the metropolitan
37 transportation authority. For purposes of granting a waiver pursuant to
38 this section, such review shall consider whether the design build
39 contracting method is appropriate for the project that such waiver is
40 sought for, and the amount of savings and efficiencies that could be
41 achieved using such method. The determination for such waiver shall be
42 made in writing within forty-five days from request or shall be deemed
43 granted.

44 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.