

STATE OF NEW YORK

1265--A

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE, NORRIS, BRABENEC, WALCZYK, MANKTELOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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, 2021.

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

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