STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 14, 2019

Introduced by Sens. SERINO, FELDER, SEPULVEDA -- 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 a half fare rate program in the metropolitan transportation authority for veterans

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

Section 1. Subdivision 16 of section 1266 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 25 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for**, (a)** persons with serious mental illness who are eligible to receive supplemental security income benefits as defined pursuant to title sixteen of the federal social security act and section two hundred nine of the social services law**, and (b) veterans. For purposes of this subdivision "veteran" shall mean a member of the armed forces of the United States who served and was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from such service, and presents an authorized veteran identification card, and who is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States and who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of application for the half fare rate program**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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