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IN SENATE

February 21, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 authorizing and requiring the metropolitan transportation authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, to implement a program to permit certain police officers and New York city fire marshals to ride on the Long Island Rail Road without cost

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

Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for police officers [~~employed by the city of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York city transit authority~~] **as defined by section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law and New York city fire marshals**. In establishing such program, which has as its goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters, the authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring police officers **and New York city fire marshals** who ride without cost to register with the Long Island Rail Road as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registration process their regular working hours and the Long Island Rail Road trains that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering and re-validating such officers **and New York city fire marshals**. The authority and the

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

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Long Island Rail Road shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the no fare program shall be implemented on or before the one hundred twentieth day after this act shall have become a law and that a report containing the provisions of such program shall be made to the governor, the senate majority and minority leaders, the speaker of the assembly and the assembly minority leader, and the chairs of the senate and assembly transportation committees 30 days prior to implementing such program.