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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to establish the toll advisory task force, and providing for the powers and duties thereof

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

Section 1. Toll advisory task force. 1. The commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New York state thruway authority shall convene a toll advisory task force to review the New York state thruway authority's current toll rates, commuter discount options, resident discount programs and commercial vehicle rates in order to ensure affordable travel on the toll roads and bridges within the state.

2. Such task force shall consist of eight members. Such members shall be as follows: two members appointed by the governor; two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate; two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly; the commissioner of transportation, or his or her designee; and the chairman of the New York state thruway authority, or his or her designee.

3. The task force shall be co-chaired by the commissioner of transportation and the chairman of the New York state thruway authority, or their designees.

4. The goals of the task force shall include, but are not limited to, the study and evaluation of the New York state thruway authority's:

(a) current toll rates;

(b) commuter discount programs;

(c) resident discount programs;

(d) rates issued for commercial vehicles;

(e) any other special toll discount plans; and

(f) potential toll increases as related to funding for the Governor Mario M. Cuomo bridge.

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

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5. The task force shall hold a minimum of four public hearings. At least one public hearing shall be held in the county of Rockland and one public hearing shall be held in the county of Westchester. During the public hearings, the task force shall hear the testimony of voluntary witnesses, shall provide an opportunity for public comment, and may request the production of any documents the task force deems reasonably necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

6. The task force shall make a report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations on or before December 31, 2020.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.