STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing discounted congestion charge rates for electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles

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 2858 to read as follows:

§ 2858. Discounted rates for electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles; congestion pricing. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, if any authority shall implement any tolls, fares, fees or other charges for the purpose of traffic congestion reduction, such tolls, fares, fees or other charges shall be one-third of the rate established for an electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicle.

2. For the purposes of this section the term "electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicle" shall mean and include a motor vehicle that:

a. has four wheels;

b. was manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads and highways;

c. the powertrain of which has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

d. is rated at not more than eight thousand five hundred pounds gross vehicle weight;

e. has a maximum speed capability of at least fifty-five miles per hour; and

f. is propelled at least in part by an electric motor and associated power electronics which provide acceleration torque to the drive wheels sometime during normal vehicle operations, and that draws electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell or from a battery that:

(i) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours; and

(ii) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

§ 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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