STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 6, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a moratorium on the increase in rates of railroad fares established by the metropolitan transportation authority; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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 1279-i to read as follows:

§ 1279-i. Moratorium on railroad fare increase; positive rail control implementation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after January first, two thousand twenty, a moratorium shall be established on the increase in the rates of fare established by the metropolitan transportation authority for any railroad operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or any of its subsidiaries for passengers riding such railroads and such rates of fare shall be fixed at the rates of fare in existence on December thirty-first, two thousand nineteen. Such moratorium shall continue in effect until all railroads operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or any of its subsidiaries have fully implemented the positive train control requirements of the federal rail safety improvement act of 2008. Upon such compliance such moratorium shall be lifted.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed when all railroads operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or any of its subsidiaries have fully implemented the positive train control requirements of the federal rail safety improvement act of 2008; provided that

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

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1. the provisions of this act shall apply to rates of fare established by the metropolitan transportation authority on or after January 1, 2020 for any railroad operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or any of its subsidiaries for passengers riding such railroads; and

2. the metropolitan transportation authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the compliance by the metropolitan transportation authority with the positive train control requirements of the federal rail safety improvement act of 2008 as provided for in this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.