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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to exemption of emergency service vehicles from thruway tolls

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 378-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 23 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

1. The authority is hereby authorized and directed to issue refunds for tolls incurred by [~~ambulances~~] **ambulance service** or fire vehicles engaged in an emergency operation, or, at the option of the authority, to issue emergency services permits for use by [~~ambulances~~] **ambulance service** and fire vehicles which shall provide for travel at no charge between interchanges and barriers while such vehicles are engaged in an emergency operation. For purposes of this section, the term [~~"ambulance"~~] **"ambulance service"** shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by [~~section one hundred-b of the vehicle and traffic law~~] **subdivision two or three of section three thousand one of the public health law**, the term "fire vehicle" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section one hundred fifteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, and the term "emergency operation" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section one hundred fourteen-b of the vehicle and traffic law**, but for the purposes of this section shall include returning from such service**. In any rules and regulations promulgated for the implementation of this section, the authority may establish the type of documentation or other proof satisfactory to the authority that an [~~ambulance~~] **ambulance service** or fire vehicle was engaged in an emergency operation at the time a toll was incurred.

§ 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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