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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, ADDABBO, BAILEY, BROOKS, FELDER, PERSAUD, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, STAVISKY -- 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 requiring the triborough bridge authority to establish a cashless tolling amnesty program and requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to post their fee waiver policy on their website; and providing for the repeal of certain 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 553-l to read as follows:

§ 553-l. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding subdivision five of section five hundred fifty-three of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any bridge or tunnel operated by the authority.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees related to such paid tolls waived for a period of six months from the effective date of this section.

3. Notwithstanding subdivision five of section five hundred fifty-three of this title or any other law, any cashless toll violation fee charged to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity for the use of any bridge or tunnel operated by the authority shall not exceed twice the amount of the toll charged for using such bridge or tunnel for a period of ninety days from the effective date of this section and shall not exceed three times the amount of the toll charged for using such

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

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bridge or tunnel for an additional ninety day period following the initial ninety day period.

§ 2. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:

3-b. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website the most current version of its fee waiver policy.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the provisions of section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act. Any rights or remedies granted to an individual pursuant to this act prior to the expiration and repeal of section one of this act shall not be affected by such expiration.