STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 5, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to providing that a county board of supervisors shall be authorized to require that a ferry shall carry without charge or fee of any kind for transportation any member of the United States armed forces in uniform during their term of enlistment in the service of the United States

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

Section 1. Section 131-g of the highway law, as amended by chapter 897 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

§ 131-g. Regulation of toll rates. **1.** Such boards shall have power by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to authorize an alteration, reduction or change of the rates of toll charged or received by any turnpike, plank or gravel road, or other toll road within such county, or by any bridge company or ferry within such county, or, if within more than one county, then by joint action with the supervisors of such counties, provided such alteration shall be asked for by the directors, trustees or owners of such road, bridge or ferry; but that no increase of toll shall be so authorized unless notice of such proposed increase shall have been published once each week for three successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in each town in which such road or bridge is located or in which such ferry is operated, commencing at least thirty days prior to the date of such authorization; and any alteration in rates of toll authorized by any board of supervisors may be changed or modified by any subsequent board, on their own motion, by a like vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to such board; but nothing [~~herein~~] **in this section** contained shall affect or abridge the powers of any city.

2. In the case of rates of toll for a ferry, such boards shall be authorized to adopt a local law to provide that a ferry shall carry

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

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without charge or fee of any kind for transportation between points wholly within the state of New York any member of the United States armed forces in uniform during their term of enlistment in the service of the United States. Provided, however, that the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to a ferry owned or operated by a municipality that is subject to the provisions of section one hundred four of the transportation law.

§ 2. Severability. The provisions of this act shall be severable and if any portion thereof or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of this act and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.