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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, BAILEY, BIAGGI, COMRIE, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN, KAMINSKY, KAPLAN, KRUEGER, MAY, REICHLIN-MELNICK, SEPULVEDA, THOMAS -- 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 transportation law, in relation to the purchase of zero-emission buses

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

1 Section 1. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section
2 17-c to read as follows:

3 § 17-c. Zero-emission buses. 1. No later than January first, two thou-
4 sand twenty-nine, every public transportation system eligible to receive
5 operating assistance under the provisions of section eighteen-b of this
6 article shall be required to purchase only zero-emission buses and
7 related equipment and facilities as part of the normal replacement of
8 its fleet.

9 2. For purposes of this section "zero-emission bus" shall mean a motor
10 vehicle that has a seating capacity of fifteen or more passengers in
11 addition to the driver and used for the transportation of persons; is
12 propelled by an electric motor and associated power electronics which
13 provide acceleration torque to the drive wheels during normal vehicle
14 operation and draws electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell or from a
15 battery which is capable of being recharged from an external source of
16 electricity; or otherwise operates without direct emission of atmospher-
17 ic pollutants.

18 § 2. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 18-c to
19 read as follows:

20 § 18-c. Capital plan requirements. In formulating the five-year
21 department of transportation capital plans, the department shall: (a)
22 consider the requirement of section seventeen-c of this article in its

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

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1 disbursement of payment for the costs of mass transportation capital
2 projects and facilities and give preference in the form of payments to
3 public transportation systems eligible to receive operating assistance
4 under the provisions of section eighteen-b of this article that are able
5 to demonstrate commitments made towards purchasing zero-emission buses
6 and related equipment and facilities; and (b) facilitate for purposes of
7 meeting the requirement of section seventeen-c of this article the coor-
8 dination of purchasing, installation and sharing services between public
9 transportation systems serving primarily outside the city of New York.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.