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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT in relation to postponing fare increases during the COVID-19 pandemic; authorizing the metropolitan transportation authority to conduct a study on reducing fares; 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 Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall postpone any proposed fare, toll, rate, charge or other fee increase for the transportation of passengers until the end of the COVID-19 emergency declaration and the completion of an economic feasibility study. For the purposes of this act, "COVID-19 emergency declaration" shall mean the state disaster emergency declared for the entire state by executive order number 202 and any further amendments or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28 of the executive law.

§ 2. (a) The Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall conduct an economic feasibility study and make recommendations on reducing fares, tolls, rates, charges or other fees for the transportation of passengers to increase ridership.

(b) The Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall create a report of its findings and recommendations and deliver such report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate three months after the effective date of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however:

(a) section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration of the state disaster emergency declared for the entire state by executive order number 202 and any further amendments or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, and shall be deemed to expire and be repealed therewith; provided, further,

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

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that the chairman of the metropolitan transportation authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the expiration of the state disaster emergency declared by executive order number 202 of 2020 and any further amendments or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, 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; and

(b) section two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed sixty days after the metropolitan transportation authority delivers the report described in section two of this act to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate; provided, further, that the chairman of the metropolitan transportation authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the delivery of such report, 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.