

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 25, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the exemption of disabled veterans from tolls collected by the New York state thruway authority

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 361 of the public
2 authorities law, as amended by chapter 621 of the laws of 1998, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) In addition to the powers conferred by the vehicle and traffic
5 law, the authority is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and
6 regulations for the use and occupancy of the thruway as may be necessary
7 and proper for the public safety and convenience, for the preservation
8 of its property and for the collection of tolls and provided further
9 that the authority, in consultation with the departments of environ-
10 mental conservation and transportation, is hereby authorized to promul-
11 gate rules and regulations necessary to implement a heavy duty vehicle
12 roadside inspection program pursuant to section 19-0320 of the environ-
13 mental conservation law. Such rules and regulations shall authorize the
14 exemption from the collection of such tolls upon any New York state
15 resident who is a veteran and is certified by the United States veter-
16 ans' administration or the department of defense as entitled to receive
17 disability payments upon the certification of such administration or
18 department for a disability incurred by him or her in time of war.

19 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 1630 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
20 amended by section 2 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws
21 of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

22 4. Charging of tolls, taxes, fees, licenses or permits for the use of
23 the highway or any of its parts or entry into or remaining within the
24 central business district established by article forty-four-C of this

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

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1 chapter, where the imposition thereof is authorized by law. No such
2 toll shall be imposed by the New York state thruway authority upon any
3 New York state resident who is a veteran and is certified by the United
4 States veterans' administration or the department of defense as entitled
5 to receive disability payments upon the certification of such adminis-
6 tration or department for a disability incurred by him or her in time of
7 war.

8 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
9 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
10 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
11 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or
12 before such effective date.