STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WALLACE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to E-ZPass availability and waiving deposit fees for a certain period after a rate increase

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 378-b to read as follows:

§ 378-b. E-ZPass availability. 1. If the authority shall vote to increase any fees, rentals or charges for the use of the thruway or any part thereof pursuant to subdivision eight of section three hundred fifty-four of this title for cash or users who do not use E-ZPass to pay such fees, rentals or charges, the requirement to make a deposit owed to secure a new E-ZPass transponder shall be waived for a period of no less than sixty days from the later of the date of such vote or the date that the increase takes effect.

2. Any retail location in the state which sells E-ZPass shall be required to accept cash payment as a valid method to purchase an E-ZPass or for E-ZPass holders to reload their E-ZPass transponder.

3. For purposes of this section, "E-ZPass" and "E-ZPass transponder" shall mean a receiver-transmitter issued by the authority in connection with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting instructions provided by the authority.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that subdivision 2 of section 378-b of the public authorities law as added by section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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