

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 3, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. WALLACE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 378-b to read as follows:

3 § 378-b. E-ZPass availability. 1. If the authority shall vote to
4 increase any fees, rentals or charges for the use of the thruway or any
5 part thereof pursuant to subdivision eight of section three hundred
6 fifty-four of this title for cash or users who do not use E-ZPass to pay
7 such fees, rentals or charges, the requirement to make a deposit owed to
8 secure a new E-ZPass transponder shall be waived for a period of no less
9 than sixty days from the date that the increase takes effect.

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

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

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that
19 subdivision 2 of section 378-b of the public authorities law as added by
20 section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it
21 shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment

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

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1 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
2 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
3 completed on or before such date.