

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to a reduced fare program in the metropolitan transportation authority for veterans who are students

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

1 Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

3 20. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the terms of any
4 contract, the authority in consultation with the New York city transit
5 authority, the Long Island rail road and the Metro-North commuter rail-
6 road company shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for
7 transportation on New York city transit authority systems for veterans
8 who are full-time or part-time undergraduate, graduate or vocational
9 students attending an accredited college or university or vocational
10 institution. For purposes of this subdivision: (a) "veteran" shall mean
11 a member of the armed forces of the United States who served and was
12 honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonor-
13 able from such service, and presents an authorized veteran identifica-
14 tion card, and who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of
15 application for the program; and (b) "vocational institution" shall mean
16 a business, trade, technical or other occupational school approved as
17 such by the board of regents of the university of the state of New York
18 or accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or
19 association accepted as such by the regents of the state of New York.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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