

# STATE OF NEW YORK

1361--A

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 11, 2023

Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, MAY, ADDABBO, HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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

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

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1 shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment  
2 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
3 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
4 completed on or before such date.