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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company and the New York city transit authority establish a no fare program for the transportation of certain active duty, uniform police officers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, **to increase protection and improve safety for its customers and employees,** the authority[~~, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road,~~] shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road **and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad** for **trained and sworn** police officers [~~employed by the city of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York city transit authority~~]**, as defined in section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law and who are employed in good standing with active law enforcement responsibilities within the metropolitan commuter transportation district**. In establishing such program, [~~which has as its goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters,~~] the authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring [~~police~~] **such** officers [~~who ride without cost~~] to register with the Long Island Rail Road **and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad**

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

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Company as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such officers **when registering** to [~~indicate during such registration process~~] **state** their regular working hours and the [~~Long Island Rail Road~~] trains that such officers expect to ride; [~~and~~] (c) [~~periodically~~] **annually** re-registering [~~and re-validating~~] such officers**; and (d) requiring such officers to present law enforcement identification along with any pass the authority may issue in relation to this program**. The authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section. **Nothing in this subdivision shall limit the authority from providing no fare transportation on any of its subways, buses or commuter trains for police officers employed by the city of New York or for police officers or peace officers employed by the authority or its affiliates.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.