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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to changing the name of the walkway over the Hudson bridge to the Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 7-b and 9 of section 526 of the public authorities law, subdivision 7-b as added and subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 219 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

7-b. The term [~~"walkway over the Hudson bridge"~~] **"Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway"** shall be deemed to mean the Poughkeepsie-Highland railroad bridge which was constructed across the Hudson river north of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge[~~.~~]**;**

9. The term "bridges" shall be deemed to mean collectively Mid-Hudson bridge, Rip Van Winkle bridge, Bear Mountain bridge, Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge, both spans of the Hamilton Fish Newburgh-Beacon bridge, [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] **Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway**, and incidental roads, approaches, structures and facilities;

§ 2. Subdivisions 1-a, 8 and 17 of section 528 of the public authorities law, subdivisions 1-a and 8 as amended and subdivision 17 as added by chapter 219 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

1-a. To hold in the name of the state any real property acquired for its corporate purposes and, with the approval of the commissioner, to sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any real property or rights or easements therein, heretofore or hereafter acquired pursuant to the "state bridge authority act", determined by it to be not necessary for its corporate purposes, and shall accept ownership of the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] **Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway** in the name of the state, and acquire such incidental roads, approaches, structures and facilities as may be necessary.

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

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8. To charge tolls for the use of the bridges, with the exception of the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] **Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway**, subject to and in accordance with such agreements with bondholders and noteholders as may be made as hereinafter provided, except, however, that subject to such agreements the rates of tolls charged on the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge, the Kingston Rhinecliff bridge, the Bear Mountain bridge, the Rip Van Winkle bridge, and the Hamilton Fish Newburgh-Beacon bridge shall be the same.

17. To enter into a lease or operating agreement, for a period not to exceed ninety-nine years, with the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation for all or a portion of the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] **Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway** for the purpose of a state park. Such agreement may assign or allocate responsibility for the construction, operation, maintenance, replacement and management of the deck and approaches and structures providing public access to the state park, but the authority shall retain responsibility for maintaining the superstructure of the [~~walkway over the Hudson bridge~~] **Eleanor Roosevelt Walkway**. The office of parks, recreation and historic preservation is authorized to enter into such agreement, which may include the installation and maintenance by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation of any personal property and equipment used in connection therewith. The office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall propose in its annual budget an amount for all costs and obligations under such agreement and these costs may be supplemented by private donations.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.