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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to toll exemptions for certain vehicles under the central business district tolling program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1704-a of the vehicle and
2 traffic law, as added by section 1 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter
3 59 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

4 1. Consistent with the goals of reducing traffic congestion within the
5 central business district and funding capital projects the Triborough
6 bridge and tunnel authority shall have the power, subject to agreements
7 with its bondholders, and applicable federal law to establish and charge
8 variable tolls and fees for vehicles entering or remaining in the
9 central business district at any time and shall have the power, subject
10 to agreements with bondholders, and applicable federal law to make rules
11 and regulations for the establishment and collection of central business
12 district tolls, fees, and other charges. For purposes of establishing a
13 central business district toll or tolls the board shall, at minimum,
14 ensure annual revenues and fees collected under such program, less costs
15 of operation of the same, provide for sufficient revenues into the
16 central business district tolling capital lockbox fund, established
17 pursuant to section five hundred fifty-three-j of the public authorities
18 law necessary to fund fifteen billion dollars for capital projects for
19 the 2020 to 2024 MTA capital program, and any additional revenues above
20 that amount to be available for any successor programs. Additionally, no
21 toll may be established and charged on passenger vehicles registered
22 pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred one of this chapter
23 more than once per day for purposes of entering the central business
24 district. Additionally, no toll may be established and charged on vehi-

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

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1 cles registered pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred one
2 of this chapter which are primarily used for purposes of commercial or
3 residential repair services more than once per day for purposes of
4 entering the central business district.

5 2. No qualifying authorized emergency vehicle as defined pursuant to
6 section one hundred one of this chapter, or [a] qualifying vehicle
7 transporting a person with disabilities, or vehicle registered under
8 subdivision six of section four hundred one of this chapter by a civil
9 service employee; or vehicle registered under subdivision six of section
10 four hundred one of this chapter by a person enrolled in an institution
11 of higher education located within the central business district shall
12 be charged a central business district toll if it enters or remains in
13 the central business district. Application for such toll exemption shall
14 be made in such manner as prescribed by the Triborough bridge and tunnel
15 authority and shall contain such information as the authority may
16 reasonably require.

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