# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

# IN SENATE

August 18, 2023

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:**

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

1. Consistent with the goals of reducing traffic congestion within the central business district and funding capital projects the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall have the power, subject to agreements with its bondholders, and applicable federal law to establish and charge variable tolls and fees for vehicles entering or remaining in the central business district at any time and shall have the power, subject to agreements with bondholders, and applicable federal law to make rules and regulations for the establishment and collection of central business district tolls, fees, and other charges. For purposes of establishing a central business district toll or tolls the board shall, at minimum, ensure annual revenues and fees collected under such program, less costs of operation of the same, provide for sufficient revenues into the central business district tolling capital lockbox fund, established pursuant to section five hundred fifty-three-j of the public authorities law necessary to fund fifteen billion dollars for capital projects for the 2020 to 2024 MTA capital program, and any additional revenues above that amount to be available for any successor programs. Additionally, no toll may be established and charged on passenger vehicles registered pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred one of this chapter more than once per day for purposes of entering the central business 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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cles registered pursuant to subdivision six of section four hundred one of this chapter which are primarily used for purposes of commercial or residential repair services more than once per day for purposes of entering the central business district.

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

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