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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to contracts to provide food services at authority owned and operated transportation facilities and rest areas

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 390 to read as follows:

§ 390. Contracts for food service. Any contracts entered into for the operation of food services or food concessions at public transportation facilities owned or operated by the authority shall require that such services be provided every day of the week. For the purposes of this section the term "public transportation facilities" shall mean and include thruway rest areas, service areas and welcome centers. The provisions of this section shall not apply to temporary concessions or events including farmers' markets, flea markets or local vendors licensed or permitted to operate by the authority.

§ 2. Subparagraph 6 of paragraph f of subdivision 3 of article IV of section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by chapter 495 of the laws of 2023, is amended and a new subparagraph 7 is added to read as follows:

(6) **provide** information concerning services for human trafficking victims in port authority bus terminals. 1. Any bus terminal maintained or operated by the port authority shall make available in plain view and in a conspicuous place and manner in the public restrooms and in any lactation rooms, informational cards and/or signs developed by:

(a) the office of temporary and disability assistance in consultation with the New York state interagency task force on human trafficking; or

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

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(b) the United States Department of Homeland Security.

2. All informational cards and signs shall only contain information concerning services for human trafficking victims and shall prominently include the national human trafficking hotline telephone number.

3. For purposes of this section, "lactation room" shall mean a hygienic place, other than a restroom, that: (a) is shielded from view; (b) is free from intrusion; (c) contains a chair, a working surface, and, if the building is otherwise supplied with electricity, an electrical outlet; and (d) is intended to be used for the primary purpose of breastfeeding or expressing breast milk[~~.~~]**; and**

(7) establish a policy that contracts for the operation of food services or food concessions at transportation facilities owned by such authority shall require that such services be provided every day of the week. For the purposes of this section the term "transportation facilities" shall mean and include bus stations, train stations, rest areas and marine terminal facilities. The provisions of this section shall not apply to temporary concessions or events including farmers' markets, flea markets or local vendors licensed or permitted to operate by the authority.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to contracts entered into on and after such date; provided, however that section two of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, such section shall take effect immediately; provided that the chairman of the port authority of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective database of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.