

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 21, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to establish a cashless tolling amnesty program; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 386-c to read as follows:

3 § 386-c. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
4 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
5 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
6 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
7 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
8 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
9 twenty-four.

10 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
11 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
12 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
13 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
14 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
15 August first, two thousand twenty-four and on or before December thir-
16 ty-first, two thousand twenty-four.

17 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
18 on such amnesty program.

19 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
20 553-1 to read as follows:

21 § 553-1. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
22 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
23 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
24 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of

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

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3 twenty-four.

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8 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
9 August first, two thousand twenty-four and on or before December thir-
10 ty-first, two thousand twenty-four.

11 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
12 on such amnesty program.

13 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
14 538-a to read as follows:

15 § 538-a. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
16 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
17 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
18 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
19 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
20 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
21 twenty-four.

22 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
23 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
24 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
25 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
26 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
27 August first, two thousand twenty-four and on or before December thir-
28 ty-first, two thousand twenty-four.

29 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
30 on such amnesty program.

31 § 4. Chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy
32 of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular
33 bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district is amended by
34 adding a new section 4B to read as follows:

35 § 4B. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other
36 provisions of this act or any other law, the port authority shall
37 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
38 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
39 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by such authority between April
40 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
41 twenty-four.

42 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
43 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
44 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the port authority to pay
45 such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties
46 related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and
47 after August first, two thousand twenty-four and on or before December
48 thirty-first, two thousand twenty-four.

49 3. The port authority shall conspicuously post on its website informa-
50 tion on such amnesty program.

51 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
52 1279-m to read as follows:

53 § 1279-m. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
54 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
55 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
56 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of

1 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
2 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
3 twenty-four.

4 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
5 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
6 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
7 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
8 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
9 August first, two thousand twenty-four and on or before December thir-
10 ty-first, two thousand twenty-four.

11 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
12 on such amnesty program.

13 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
14 deemed repealed January 1, 2025; provided, however, section four of this
15 act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New
16 Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if
17 the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation,
18 this act shall take effect immediately; provided that the state of New
19 Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the
20 occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section
21 one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate
22 and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the
23 state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of
24 section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public offi-
25 cers law. Any rights or remedies granted to an individual pursuant to
26 this act prior to the expiration and repeal of this act shall not be
27 affected by such expiration.