STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. WILLIAMS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to providing reimbursement for certain individuals residing in transit deserts

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

Section 1. Section 1703 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 8-a and 8-b to read as follows:

8-a. "Transit desert" means an area located in a city with a population of a million or more that lacks a subway system and is heavily car dependent. Such area shall include, but not be limited to the following zip codes, some part of, 10301, 10304, 10306, 10307, 10308, 10309, 10310, 10312, 11234, 11229, 11236, 11357, 11358, 11360, 11361, 11379, 11411, 11412, 11413, 11422, 11423, 11427, 11428, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11581, 11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, 11695 and 11697.

8-b. "Medical treatment" shall include, but not be limited to, the following services, anesthesiology, bariatrics and nutrition, cancer treatment, pediatric care, dentistry, emergency care, endocrinology, eye care, immunology and rheumatology, mental health, nephrology, neurology, obstetrics & gynecology, occupational medicine, orthopedic care, otolaryngology, palliative care, pathology, plastic and reconstructive surgery, primary care, pulmonary and critical care medicine, radiology, rehabilitation, surgery, urgent care, and urology.

§ 2. Section 1704-a of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. (a) The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall implement a reimbursement program for one hundred percent of all central business district tolls, fees and other charges assessed for all cars entering such district from a transit desert for the purpose of medical treatment, as defined in subdivision eight-a and eight-b of section seventeen hundred three of this article. To qualify for such reimbursement, indi-

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

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viduals shall be required to provide both proof of residency and documentation from the medical treatment provider.

(b) Such reimbursement shall occur monthly by the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority after receipt of both proof of residency and documentation from the medical treatment provider.

(c) The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall create a standard form to provide to medical treatment providers necessary to effectuate such reimbursement program.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.