STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to a reduced fare program in the metropolitan transportation authority for veterans who are students

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

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the terms of any contract, the authority in consultation with the New York city transit authority, the Long Island rail road and the Metro-North commuter railroad company shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for transportation on New York city transit authority systems for veterans who are full-time or part-time undergraduate, graduate or vocational students attending an accredited college or university or vocational institution. For purposes of this subdivision: (a) "veteran" shall mean a member of the armed forces of the United States who served and was honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from such service, and presents an authorized veteran identification card, and who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of application for the program; and (b) "vocational institution" shall mean a business, trade, technical or other occupational school approved as such by the board of regents of the university of the state of New York or accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association accepted as such by the regents of the state of New York.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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