

# 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:

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

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

20 § 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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