

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 9, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company and the New York city transit authority establish a no fare program for the transportation of certain active duty, uniform police officers

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities
2 law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any
5 contract, to increase protection and improve safety for its customers
6 and employees, the authority[~~, in consultation with the Long Island Rail~~
7 ~~Road,~~] shall establish and implement a no fare program for transporta-
8 tion on the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad
9 for trained and sworn police officers [~~employed by the city of New York,~~
10 ~~county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk,~~
11 ~~Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state police, the~~
12 ~~port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North Commuter~~
13 ~~Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York~~
14 ~~city transit authority~~], as defined in section 1.20 of the criminal
15 procedure law and who are employed in good standing with active law
16 enforcement responsibilities within the metropolitan commuter transpor-
17 tation district. In establishing such program, [~~which has as its goal~~
18 ~~increased protection and improved safety for its commuters,~~] the author-
19 ity [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall, among other things, consider:
20 (a) requiring [~~police~~] such officers [~~who ride without cost~~] to register
21 with the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad
22 Company as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such offi-
23 cers when registering to [~~indicate during such registration process~~]
24 state their regular working hours and the [~~Long Island Rail Road~~] trains

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

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1 that such officers expect to ride; ~~[and]~~ (c) ~~[periodically]~~ annually
2 re-registering ~~[and re-validating]~~ such officers; and (d) requiring such
3 officers to present law enforcement identification along with any pass
4 the authority may issue in relation to this program. The authority ~~[and~~
5 ~~the Long Island Rail Road]~~ shall also have the power to consider other
6 matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section.
7 Nothing in this subdivision shall limit the authority from providing no
8 fare transportation on any of its subways, buses or commuter trains for
9 police officers employed by the city of New York or for police officers
10 or peace officers employed by the authority or its affiliates.
11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
12 have become a law.