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## IN SENATE

January 11, 2023

Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, MAY, ADDABBO, HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to E-ZPass availability and waiving deposit fees for a certain period after a rate increase

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 378-b to read as follows:

3 § 378-b. E-ZPass availability. 1. If the authority shall vote to  
4 increase any fees, rentals or charges for the use of the thruway or any  
5 part thereof pursuant to subdivision eight of section three hundred  
6 fifty-four of this title for cash or users who do not use E-ZPass to pay  
7 such fees, rentals or charges, the requirement to make a deposit owed to  
8 secure a new E-ZPass transponder shall be waived for a period of no less  
9 than sixty days from the later of the date of such vote or the date that  
10 the increase takes effect.

11 2. Any retail location in the state which sells E-ZPass shall be  
12 required to accept cash payment as a valid method to purchase an E-ZPass  
13 or for E-ZPass holders to reload their E-ZPass transponder.

14 3. For purposes of this section, "E-ZPass" and "E-ZPass transponder"  
15 shall mean a receiver-transmitter issued by the authority in connection  
16 with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is  
17 affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting  
18 instructions provided by the authority.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that  
20 subdivision 2 of section 378-b of the public authorities law as added by  
21 section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it  
22 shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment  
23 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
24 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
25 completed on or before such date.

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

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