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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommended 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

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

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1 Company as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such offi-
2 cers when registering to [~~indicate during such registration process~~]
3 state their regular working hours and the [~~Long Island Rail Road~~] trains
4 that such officers expect to ride; [~~and~~] (c) [~~periodically~~] annually
5 re-registering [~~and re-validating~~] such officers; and (d) requiring such
6 officers to present law enforcement identification along with any pass
7 the authority may issue in relation to this program. The authority [~~and~~
8 ~~the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall also have the power to consider other
9 matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section.
10 Nothing in this subdivision shall limit the authority from providing no
11 fare transportation on any of its subways, buses or commuter trains for
12 police officers employed by the city of New York or for police officers
13 or peace officers employed by the authority or its affiliates.
14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
15 have become a law.