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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, BORRELLO, MATTERA, OBERACKER, PALUMBO, ROLISON, WEBER, WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the issuance of permits to exempt ambulances and fire vehicles from paying tolls on the New York state thruway when engaged in an emergency operation

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 378-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 23 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

1. The authority is hereby authorized and directed to [~~issue refunds for tolls incurred by ambulances or fire vehicles engaged in an emergency operation, or, at the option of the authority, to~~] issue emergency services permits for use by ambulances and fire vehicles which shall provide for travel at no charge between interchanges and barriers while such vehicles are engaged in an emergency operation**, provided that the authority is authorized and directed to issue refunds for tolls incurred by such ambulances and fire vehicles engaged in an emergency operation while the applicable application for emergency services permits is pending**. **The authority shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing the process by which such ambulances and fire vehicles can apply for emergency services permits.** For purposes of this section, the term "ambulance" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section one hundred-b of the vehicle and traffic law, the term "fire vehicle" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section

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

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one hundred fifteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, and the term "emergency operation" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section one hundred fourteen-b of the vehicle and traffic law. In any rules and regulations promulgated for the implementation of this section, the authority may establish the type of documentation or other proof satisfactory to the authority that an ambulance or fire vehicle was engaged in an emergency operation at the time a toll was incurred.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.