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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

July 14, 2023

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public authorities law, in relation to exempting any resident of Staten Island or Richmond county from congestion pricing in New York city

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1704-b to read as follows:

§ 1704-b. Exemption from central business district tolling program. Any resident of Staten Island or Richmond county shall not be charged for entry into or remaining in the central business district pursuant to section seventeen hundred four-a of this article.

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 1630 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 2 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4. Charging of tolls, taxes, fees, licenses or permits for the use of the highway or any of its parts or entry into or remaining within the central business district established by article forty-four-C of this chapter, where the imposition thereof is authorized by law. **The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to residents of Staten Island or Richmond county.**

§ 3. Subdivision 12-a of section 553 of the public authorities law, as added by section 4 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

12-a. To establish and charge variable tolls, fees and other charges for vehicles entering or remaining within the central business district**, except for any vehicle which originates in Staten Island or Richmond county,** and to make rules and regulations for the collection of such tolls, fees and other charges, subject to and in accordance with such agreement with bondholders and applicable federal law as may be made as

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

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hereinafter provided. Subject to agreements with bondholders and applicable federal law, all tolls, fees and other revenues derived from the central business district tolling program shall be applied to the payment of operating, administration, and other necessary expenses of the authority properly allocable to such program, including the capital costs of such program, and to the payment of interest or principal of bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority or the metropolitan transportation authority issued for transit and commuter projects as provided in section five hundred fifty-three-j of this title, and shall not be subject to distribution under section five hundred sixty-nine-c of this title or section twelve hundred nineteen-a of this chapter. The provisions of section twenty-eight hundred four of this chapter shall not be applicable to the tolls and fees established by the authority pursuant to this subdivision. Any such fares, tolls, and other charges shall be established and changed only if approved by resolution of the authority adopted by not less than a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in office, with the chairman having one additional vote in the event of a tie vote, and only after a public hearing.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.