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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to certain construction work periods for the metropolitan transportation authority; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature finds that the cost of
2 design of public transit projects for the metropolitan transportation
3 authority far exceed national and global competitors. The metropolitan
4 transportation authority's fiscal performance on recent major projects
5 has severely limited further investment in maintaining, modernizing, and
6 expanding transit service. It is imperative that public transit is oper-
7 ated in a manner which delivers quality service to riders at an afforda-
8 ble cost. While it is important to minimize service disruptions, the
9 current process of stopping and starting work ends up extending the
10 period of construction, and cost taxpayers millions in additional labor
11 costs. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to direct that the
12 work done on transit projects for the metropolitan transportation
13 authority be done on a continual basis until such project has been
14 completed.

15 § 2. Section 1266-c of the public authorities law is amended by adding
16 a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

17 16. In the design, construction, maintenance, or renovation of any
18 transit facility, transportation facility, or equipment as defined under
19 section twelve hundred or twelve hundred sixty-one of this chapter, work
20 shall take place over a continuous period of time until such point at
21 which the project has been completed.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
2 it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed three
3 years after such effective date.