

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 1, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public authorities law, in relation to exempting any resident of Rockland county or Orange 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:

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

3 § 1704-b. Exemption from central business district tolling program.
4 Any resident of Rockland county or Orange county shall not be charged
5 for entry into or remaining in the central business district pursuant to
6 section seventeen hundred four-a of this article.

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

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

16 § 3. Subdivision 12-a of section 553 of the public authorities law, as
17 added by section 4 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of
18 2019, is amended to read as follows:

19 12-a. To establish and charge variable tolls, fees and other charges
20 for vehicles entering or remaining within the central business district,
21 except for any vehicle which originates in Rockland county or Orange
22 county, and to make rules and regulations for the collection of such
23 tolls, fees and other charges, subject to and in accordance with such
24 agreement with bondholders and applicable federal law as may be made as
25 hereinafter provided. Subject to agreements with bondholders and appli-
26 cable federal law, all tolls, fees and other revenues derived from the
27 central business district tolling program shall be applied to the

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

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1 payment of operating, administration, and other necessary expenses of
2 the authority properly allocable to such program, including the capital
3 costs of such program, and to the payment of interest or principal of
4 bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority or the metropolitan
5 transportation authority issued for transit and commuter projects as
6 provided in section five hundred fifty-three-j of this title, and shall
7 not be subject to distribution under section five hundred sixty-nine-c
8 of this title or section twelve hundred nineteen-a of this chapter. The
9 provisions of section twenty-eight hundred four of this chapter shall
10 not be applicable to the tolls and fees established by the authority
11 pursuant to this subdivision. Any such fares, tolls, and other charges
12 shall be established and changed only if approved by resolution of the
13 authority adopted by not less than a majority vote of the whole number
14 of members of the authority then in office, with the chairman having one
15 additional vote in the event of a tie vote, and only after a public
16 hearing.

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