STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing and directing the metropolitan transportation authority to implement a free fare program for firefighters

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

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by 2 adding a new subdivision 14-a to read as follows:

3 14-a. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any 4 contract, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations, shall 5 <u>establish</u> and <u>implement</u> a free fare program for transportation on New 6 York city transit authority systems, the Long Island Rail Road and the 7 Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for firefighters and fire officers employed by the city of New York. The free fare program established and 9 implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be in operation during 10 all hours in which such authority provides railroad, subway and/or omni-11 bus services, and such program shall not be limited in operation to

12 off-peak hours or to any other hours designated by the authority or its

13 <u>subsidiary corporations</u>.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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