STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. TAYLOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to time-delay mechanisms on emergency exit gates

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1279-j to read as follows:

§ 1279-j. Time-delay emergency mechanisms. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority may install and operate time-delay egress mechanisms on emergency exit gates at subway stations operated by the authority. The authority shall be prohibited from using such time-delay egress mechanisms at unstaffed stations. If a station becomes unstaffed, the authority shall be required to deactivate such time-delay mechanism until such station has a trained human station agent physically present and on duty. Further, any time-delay egress mechanism utilized pursuant to this section shall:

(a) include override systems in the event of emergencies, including but not limited to fires, power failures, and emergency evacuations; and

(b) comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

§ 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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