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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. RHOADS, CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK, MARTINS, MATTERA, MURRAY, PALUMBO, WEIK -- 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, in relation to establishing a central business district toll exemption during any period of strike by an employee organization, work stoppage or declared state of emergency

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

Section 1. Section 1704-a of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no individual or entity shall be charged a central business district toll during any period of strike by an employee organization, work stoppage or declared state of emergency that causes a stoppage for more than twenty-four hours or significant delays of any metropolitan transportation authority, metro north commuter railroad, New York city transit authority, or Long Island Rail Road services. Significant delays shall mean any interference with services as a result of a work stoppage which causes additional platform time, additional train time, or major incidents as defined by section twelve hundred seventy-six-f of the public authorities law.

(b) Additionally, during any period of strike by an employee organization, work stoppage or declared state of emergency, the metropolitan transportation authority shall return any charges collected from monthly ticket holders for business days in which services are interrupted.

§ 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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