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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the availability of alternative fuels along the New York state thruway

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "Greener Highways Act".

3 § 2. Section 1851 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a  
4 new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

5 19. "Alternative fuel" shall mean cellulosic ethanol, renewable  
6 diesel, renewable gasoline, bio-diesel, electricity, green hydrogen, and  
7 any other fuel identified by the authority which is not petroleum-based,  
8 and is consistent with the goals of protecting the safety and health of  
9 the public and minimizing emissions of air pollutants, and which is  
10 consistent with the climate justice and emission reduction mandates in  
11 chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, and such  
12 successors in law and function as may arise from time to time, and any  
13 applicable federal alternative fuel requirements.

14 § 3. Section 1855 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a  
15 new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

16 18. The authority shall provide the New York state thruway authority  
17 with a list of the most feasible alternative fuels, which shall number  
18 no fewer than three, and assist the authority in implementing the  
19 requirements of section three hundred fifty-four of this chapter.

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

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1 § 4. Subdivision 10 of section 354 of the public authorities law, as  
2 amended by section 2 of part TT of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 10. To construct, reconstruct or improve on or along the thruway in  
5 the manner herein provided, suitable facilities for gas stations,  
6 restaurants, and other facilities for the public, or to lease the right  
7 to construct, reconstruct or improve and operate such facilities; such  
8 facilities shall be publicly offered for leasing for operation, or the  
9 right to construct, reconstruct or improve and operate such facilities  
10 shall be publicly offered under rules and regulations to be established  
11 by the authority, provided, however, that lessees operating such facili-  
12 ties at the time this act becomes effective, may reconstruct or improve  
13 them or may construct additional like facilities, in the manner and upon  
14 such terms and conditions as the board shall determine; and provided  
15 further, however, that each such facility which contains or consists of  
16 a gas station shall, beginning November first, two thousand twenty-nine,  
17 include a facility for selling to the public an alternative fuel, as  
18 defined in section one thousand eight hundred fifty-one of this chapter  
19 and each alternative fuel recommended to the authority by the New York  
20 state energy research and development authority pursuant to section one  
21 thousand eight hundred fifty-five of this chapter shall be made avail-  
22 able at intervals of no more than one hundred twenty miles on each side  
23 of the thruway;

24 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.