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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to exempting active duty military members who reside in a city with a population of one million or more from E-ZPass tolls

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

Section 1. Section 2855 of the public authorities law, as added by section 1 of part KK of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2855. Electronic method of payment; periodic charges**; exemptions**. **1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, if any authority shall offer any electronic method of payment for tolls, fares, fees, rentals, or other charges, including but not limited to a system called E-ZPass, such authority shall not impose any periodic administrative or other charge for the privilege of using such electronic method of payment for such charges. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any authority from making any charge for extra services requested by a holder of such electronic method of payment, any charge for lost or damaged equipment, or for defaults, such as charges for dishonored checks. The authority shall not enter any agreement with bondholders that would require the imposition of administrative or other periodic charges relating to electronic methods of payment prohibited by this section.

2. (a) Any authority shall exempt all military members in active military service of the United States, as defined by section one of the military law, who reside in a city with a population of one million or more using a New York customer service E-ZPass account for travel within the state from the payment of any tolls therefor; provided, however, that such exemption shall not apply to trips made by vehicles that are

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

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used for commercial purposes. Application for such toll exemption shall be made in such manner as shall be prescribed by the New York E-ZPass customer service center or successor entity and shall contain such information as such entity may require.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall also apply to spouses and dependent children of all military members in active military service of the United States who reside in a city with a population of one million or more, if such family members reside in the same household as such military members.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.