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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to establishing a no fare program for transportation on New York city transit authority systems, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for certain police officers and retired police officers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority systems, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for current and retired police officers, who possess a valid pistol permit, employed by or retired from service with the city of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York city transit authority. In establishing such program, which has as its goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters, the authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring police officers and retired police officers who ride without cost to register with the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company as a

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

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condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registration process their regular working hours**, if applicable,** and the [~~Long Island Rail Road trains~~] **specific subway, bus, railroad and paratransit services** that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering and re-validating such officers. The authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section.

§ 2. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section 2.40 to read as follows:

§ 2.40 Retired police officers aboard MTA transportation services.

Retired police officers who ride free aboard the transportation services of the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to subdivision fourteen of section twelve hundred sixty-six of the public authorities law shall be afforded all of the powers and protections afforded peace officers pursuant to the provisions of this article. The peace officer training requirements described in section 2.30 of this article shall be deemed fulfilled by the training such retired police officers received as part of their law enforcement employment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.