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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to directing the metropolitan transportation authority and the New York city transit authority to ensure proper operation of security cameras at subway stations and issue reports thereon

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

Section 1. Section 1204 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16-b to read as follows:

16-b. (a) The authority shall ensure proper operation of all security cameras at all subway stations operated by such authority.

(b) The authority is further directed to publish an annual report relating to the proper operation of security cameras at subway stations, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) the total number of systemwide incidents of security camera failures occurring within a calendar year, as well as a metric indicating the percentage of all systemwide security cameras having failed at a point during a calendar year;

(2) the length of time that each security camera experiencing a failure was malfunctioning for;

(3) when determinable, a metric indicating the cause or causes of security camera failures within a calendar year; and

(4) a list of security camera failures occurring within the calendar year, delineated by each subway station operated by the authority.

§ 2. Section 1265 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12-a to read as follows:

12-a. (a) The authority shall ensure proper operation of all security cameras at all subway stations operated by such authority.

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

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(b) Such authority is further directed to publish an annual report relating to the proper operation of security cameras at subway stations, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) the total number of systemwide incidents of security camera failures occurring within a calendar year, as well as a metric indicating the percentage of all systemwide security cameras having failed at a point during a calendar year;

(ii) the length of time that each security camera experiencing a failure was malfunctioning for;

(iii) when determinable, a metric indicating the cause or causes of security camera failures within a calendar year; and

(iv) a list of security camera failures occurring within the calendar year, delineated by each subway station operated by the authority.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.