

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BASKIN -- 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 E-ZPass availability and waiving deposit fees for a certain period after a rate increase

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 378-b to read as follows:

3 § 378-b. E-ZPass availability. 1. If the authority shall vote to
4 increase any fees, rentals or charges for the use of the thruway or any
5 part thereof pursuant to subdivision eight of section three hundred
6 fifty-four of this title for cash or users who do not use E-ZPass to pay
7 such fees, rentals or charges, the requirement to make a deposit owed to
8 secure a new E-ZPass transponder shall be waived for a period of no less
9 than sixty days from the date that the increase takes effect.

10 2. Any retail location in the state which sells E-ZPass shall be
11 required to accept cash payment as a valid method to purchase an E-ZPass
12 or for E-ZPass holders to reload their E-ZPass transponder.

13 3. For purposes of this section, "E-ZPass" and "E-ZPass transponder"
14 shall mean a receiver-transmitter issued by the authority in connection
15 with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is
16 affixed to the exterior or interior of a vehicle in accordance with
17 mounting instructions provided by the authority.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that
19 subdivision 2 of section 378-b of the public authorities law as added by
20 section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it
21 shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment
22 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
23 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
24 completed on or before such date.

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

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