STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to establish a cashless tolling amnesty program; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 386-c to read as follows:

§ 386-c. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand twenty-five.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information on such amnesty program.

§ 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 553-l to read as follows:

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

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§ 553-l. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand twenty-five.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information on such amnesty program.

§ 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 538-a to read as follows:

§ 538-a. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand twenty-five.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information on such amnesty program.

§ 4. Chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district is amended by adding a new section 4B to read as follows:

§ 4B. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act or any other law, the port authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by such authority between April twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand twenty-five.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the port authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

3. The port authority shall conspicuously post on its website information on such amnesty program.

§ 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1279-m to read as follows:

§ 1279-m. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand twenty-five.

2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information on such amnesty program.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2026; provided, however, section four of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, this act shall take effect immediately; provided that the state of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law. Any rights or remedies granted to an individual pursuant to this act prior to the expiration and repeal of this act shall not be affected by such expiration.