

STATE OF NEW YORK

9149--A

IN SENATE

February 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to time-delay mechanisms on emergency exit gates

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 1279-j to read as follows:

3 § 1279-j. Time-delay emergency mechanisms. Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, the authority may install and operate time-delay
5 egress mechanisms on emergency exit gates at subway stations operated by
6 the authority. The authority shall be prohibited from using such time-
7 delay egress mechanisms at unstaffed stations. If a station becomes
8 unstaffed, the authority shall be required to deactivate such time-delay
9 mechanism until such station has a trained human station agent phys-
10 ically present and on duty. Further, any time-delay egress mechanism
11 utilized pursuant to this section shall:

12 (a) include override systems in the event of emergencies, including
13 but not limited to fires, power failures, and emergency evacuations; and

14 (b) comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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