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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, OTIS, RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to priority seating for pregnant, elderly, and disabled passengers

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 1266-n to read as follows:

§ 1266-n. Priority seating for pregnant, elderly, and disabled passengers. 1. The authority shall post signage, which may take the form of a sticker, in each subway car and bus, in the manner and of the size and number, sufficient to be viewed by passengers in all parts of such subway car and bus which states, either graphically or in the languages the authority deems appropriate: "Please give up your seat for pregnant, elderly, or disabled passengers."

2. The authority shall post signage, which may take the form of a sticker, designating certain seats in such subway car and bus as reserved for pregnant, elderly or disabled passengers. Such signage shall state, either graphically or in the languages the authority deems appropriate: "These seats are reserved for pregnant, elderly, and disabled passengers."

3. In addition to the signage required in subdivisions one and two of this section, such information shall be included in any LED banner signs and any announcements made in subway cars or buses.

4. The authority shall not pay any costs or expenses related to priority seating signage for pregnant, elderly, and disabled passengers from its operating or capital budgets and may only implement priority seating signage for pregnant, elderly, and disabled passengers with funds appropriated to it by the state of New York for such purpose.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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