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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'PHARROW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a no fare program for emergency responders on September 11th

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "September 11th no fare program act".

§ 2. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for emergency responders, which shall include emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, firefighters, fire officers, fire marshals, or auxiliary police who are employed or duly enrolled by the city of New York, the county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, the county of Suffolk, or Suffolk county villages. Such no fare program shall occur each year on the eleventh day of September. The no fare program established and implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall occur only on the eleventh of September of each year during all hours in which the Long Island Rail Road provides services, and such program shall not be limited in operation to off-peak hours or to any other hours designated by the Long Island Rail Road. Any eligible emergency responder shall be required to be in uniform and shall be required to show proper identification, including a shield or badge, or any other designated identification form authorized by the authority in order to be eligible for the no fare program. This program shall not affect any other no fare program currently implemented by the authority or any of its subsidiary corporations.

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

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§ 3. Rules and regulations. The chair of the metropolitan transportation authority is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before the effective date of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section two of this act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.