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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KAY, EACHUS, LEVENBERG, SHIMSKY, GALLAGHER, WIEDER, SHRESTHA, ROSENTHAL, JACOBSON, SEAWRIGHT, REYES, DAVILA, BURDICK, COLTON, DeSTEFANO, K. BROWN, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- reference changed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to directing the New York state bridge authority to provide a report outlining their efforts and progress on decreasing and deterring suicide attempts on authority bridges; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. On July 1, 2027, the New York state bridge authority shall provide to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate a report outlining their efforts and progress on decreasing and deterring suicide attempts on authority bridges. Such report shall include at a minimum:

1. Information on the recommendations outlined in the Comprehensive Plan for Suicide Prevention, Education, and Awareness report;

2. The current status of the implementation of recommendations from this report on each bridge;

3. A timeline of any current projects on each bridge related to climb deterrent fencing or for the purposes of decreasing suicide attempts on authority bridges;

4. Any barriers to implementing the previous recommendations made, including capital needs and structural challenges on one or more bridges;

5. Alternative measures or additional actions discovered that may further the purpose of decreasing suicide attempts on authority bridges;

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

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6. Any efforts outside of the recommendations outlined in such report undertaken by the authority related to suicide prevention on authority bridges;

7. Policy recommendations or actions the authority may require from the legislature to implement such recommendations; and

8. Any other information that the authority deems relevant to effectuate such purpose.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.