STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 28, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to toll collections; and in relation to establishing the New York and New Jersey toll and fees reduction task force

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

Section 1. Section 2800 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Authorities which collect tolls. (a) Every public authority which collects tolls from motorists shall submit an annual report to the legislature. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the number of violations of the toll collection monitoring system regulations that occurred in the past year;

(ii) the frequency of toll violations per individual;

(iii) total revenue collected in the past year from repeat violators pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision twelve of section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of this article;

(iv) a year-to-year comparison of the number of toll violations and frequency of toll violations per individual for the past five years; and

(v) an explanation of the administrative costs of processing a toll and a toll violation.

(b) The first report shall be due one year after the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 2. New York and New Jersey toll and fees reduction task force.

1. There is established a task force to be known as the "New York and New Jersey Toll and Fees Reduction Task Force" to examine and evaluate the efficacy of current payment processing procedures and systems, and to provide recommendations to increase efficacy and reduce tolls and administrative fees.

2. (a) The task force shall be comprised of 12 members, six of whom shall be appointed by the state of New York and six of whom shall be appointed by the state of New Jersey. Of the members appointed by the state of New York:

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

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(i) Two shall be appointed by the governor;
(ii) One shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
(iii) One shall be appointed by the senate minority leader;
(iv) One shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and
(v) One shall be appointed by the assembly minority leader.

(b) Individuals appointed to the task force shall possess expertise in one or more of the following fields: transportation, tolling operation and enforcement, traffic engineering, procurement processes, information technology systems, public finance, and data analysis.

(c) The task force shall be co-chaired by one member appointed by each state, elected by the members appointed by each respective state.

(d) The task force shall meet no more than six months after the appointment of all members pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, at which meeting the co-chairs shall be elected, and shall meet once each month thereafter. Three members appointed by each state shall be sufficient to establish a quorum. A simple majority of those members voting on a question shall be sufficient for the conducting of business, except that the final report required by subdivision five of this section shall be approved for release by no fewer than seven votes in the affirmative.

(e) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work of the task force by the state of their appointment.

3. The task force shall:

(a) identify inefficiencies in the tolling process and methods for reduction in costs;

(b) consider and provide recommendations for an amnesty program to be implemented in New York or New Jersey;

(c) identify the impact of congestion pricing on motorists; and

(d) research and recommend methods for shifting the cost burden of toll violations away from occasional or inadvertent violators and onto intentional, repeat violators.

4. (a) The task force may establish advisory committees as it deems appropriate on matters relating to the task force's functions, powers, and duties. Such committees shall be chaired by a task force member, but may be composed of task force members as well as other individuals selected by the task force to provide expertise of interest specific to the charge of such committees.

(b) The task force may request that studies, surveys, or analyses relating to the task force's powers and duties be performed by any state department, commission, agency, or public authority, or by any department, commission, agency, or public authority within the state of New Jersey, to the extent permitted by New Jersey state law. All state departments, commissions, agencies, or public authorities shall provide information and advice in a timely manner and otherwise assist the task force with its work; provided, however, any information obtained pursuant to this paragraph shall be kept confidential and shall only be used by members of the task force in the course of their tasks and duties as a task force member.

5. The task force shall, no later than two years after the date of its first meeting, provide a final report to the governor, the legislature, and the governor and legislature of the state of New Jersey, of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, including but not limited to any legislative proposals deemed necessary by the task force to implement the recommendations.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section two 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.