STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 22, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing toll exemptions for farmers transporting their goods to the city of New York

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 2859 to read as follows:

§ 2859. Exemptions from tolls. 1. Subject to an appropriation made therefor during the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight state fiscal year, any public authority under title nine of article two, title two of article three or title three of article three of this chapter, shall provide an exemption from any toll imposed by such authority for transportation across, on or through any bridge, road or tunnel, for any farmer or food producer who:

a. farms or produces food, including fish and fish products, on a property located in the state; and

b. is transporting such food to the city of New York for the purposes of consumption within such city.

2. Any person exempt from a toll pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall also be exempt from any congestion pricing plan implemented in the city of New York.

3. The New York state thruway authority shall establish acceptable forms of proof to show that an individual does, in fact, comply with paragraphs a and b of subdivision one of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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