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IN SENATE

February 19, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 a half fare rate program in the metropolitan transportation authority for veterans

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

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for veterans, provided, however, the authority shall not pay any costs or expenses related to the half fare rate program from its operating or capital budgets and may only implement the half fare rate program with funds appropriated to it by the state of New York for such purpose. For purposes of this subdivision "veteran" shall mean a member of the armed forces of the United States who served and was honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from such service, and presents an authorized veteran identification card, and who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of application for the half fare rate program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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