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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 8, 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 and chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to establish a cashless tolling amnesty program; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 386-c to read as follows:

3 § 386-c. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
4 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
5 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
6 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
7 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
8 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
9 twenty-five.

10 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
11 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
12 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
13 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
14 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
15 August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thir-
16 ty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

17 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
18 on such amnesty program.

19 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
20 553-1 to read as follows:

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

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1 § 553-1. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
2 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
3 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
4 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
5 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
6 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
7 twenty-five.

8 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
9 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
10 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
11 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
12 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
13 August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thir-
14 ty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

15 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
16 on such amnesty program.

17 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
18 538-a to read as follows:

19 § 538-a. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
20 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
21 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
22 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
23 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
24 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
25 twenty-five.

26 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
27 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
28 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
29 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
30 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
31 August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thir-
32 ty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

33 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
34 on such amnesty program.

35 § 4. Chapter 47 of the laws of 1931 relating to declaring the policy
36 of the states of New York and New Jersey in regard to certain vehicular
37 bridges and tunnels within the port of New York district is amended by
38 adding a new section 4B to read as follows:

39 § 4B. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any other
40 provisions of this act or any other law, the port authority shall
41 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
42 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
43 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by such authority between April
44 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
45 twenty-five.

46 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
47 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
48 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the port authority to pay
49 such tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties
50 related to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and
51 after August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December
52 thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

53 3. The port authority shall conspicuously post on its website informa-
54 tion on such amnesty program.

55 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
56 1279-m to read as follows:

1 § 1279-m. Cashless tolling amnesty program. 1. Notwithstanding any
2 other provisions of this title or any other law, the authority shall
3 provide an amnesty program for any person, firm, corporation, or other
4 entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use of
5 any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority between April
6 twenty-third, two thousand sixteen and June twenty-ninth, two thousand
7 twenty-five.

8 2. Such amnesty program shall allow any person, firm, corporation, or
9 other entity charged with the payment of a cashless toll fee for the use
10 of any highway, bridge or tunnel operated by the authority to pay such
11 tolls in full and to have any toll violation fees and penalties related
12 to such paid tolls waived; provided such payment is made on and after
13 August first, two thousand twenty-five and on or before December thir-
14 ty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

15 3. The authority shall conspicuously post on its website information
16 on such amnesty program.

17 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
18 deemed repealed January 1, 2026; provided, however, section four of this
19 act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New
20 Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if
21 the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation,
22 this act shall take effect immediately; provided that the state of New
23 Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the
24 occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section
25 one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate
26 and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the
27 state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of
28 section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public offi-
29 cers law. Any rights or remedies granted to an individual pursuant to
30 this act prior to the expiration and repeal of this act shall not be
31 affected by such expiration.