STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 21, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the public authorities law, in relation to theft of certain transit services

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 165.15 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

3. With intent to obtain [~~railroad, subway, bus,~~] air[~~,~~] **or** taxi [~~or any other public transportation~~] service without payment of the lawful charge therefor, or to avoid payment of the lawful charge for such transportation service which has been rendered to [~~him~~] **them**, [~~he~~] **such person** obtains or attempts to obtain such service or avoids or attempts to avoid payment therefor by force, intimidation, stealth, deception or mechanical tampering, or by unjustifiable failure or refusal to pay; or

§ 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 1209-a of the public authorities law, as amended by section 2 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

b. To impose civil penalties and to issue warnings for any transit or railroad infraction within its jurisdiction, in accordance with a penalty schedule established by the authority or the metropolitan transportation authority or a subsidiary thereof, as applicable, and the conditions set forth in subdivisions eleven and twelve of this section and subdivision four of section twelve hundred sixty-six of this article, except that **for penalties for theft of services, the defendant may elect to perform community service in accordance with a schedule established by the authority as an alternative to payment of the civil penalty if such defendant is a minor or has a household income at or below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty line, and** penalties for violations of the health code of the city of New York shall be in accordance with the penalties established for such violations by the

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

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board of health of the city of New York, and penalties for violations of the noise code of the city of New York shall be in accordance with the penalties established for such violations by law, and civil penalties for violations of the rules and regulations of the triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall be in accordance with the penalties established for such violations by section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of this chapter;

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.