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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. ROLISON, SKOUFIS -- 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 directing the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority to implement a toll discount plan for residents of Orange, Rockland, Dutchess and Putnam counties; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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 572 to read as follows:

§ 572. Congestion pricing relief program. 1. The authority shall implement a toll discount program for qualifying commuters travelling into the city of New York from Orange, Rockland, Dutchess or Putnam counties for employment.

2. Under the program, a qualifying commuter shall receive a twenty-five percent discount on tolls under the central business district tolling program for each of the first ten trips made each calendar month from the commuter's residence into the city of New York, and a fifty percent discount on tolls under the central business district tolling program for all subsequent trips made from the commuter's residence into the city of New York during the same calendar month. A minimum of ten trips per month is required. If fewer than ten trips are taken per month, the commuter shall be charged for each trip not taken. There shall be no discount for commuters who make less than ten trips. Commuters shall be required to enroll in the program in order to receive the discount.

3. A qualifying commuter is a natural person who:

(a) resides full-time in Orange, Rockland, Dutchess or Putnam county;

(b) owns or leases a motor vehicle, or is a member of a household of a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle, that has a license plate

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

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registered to a residential address located in Orange, Rockland, Dutchess or Putnam county;

(c) utilizes such motor vehicle to commute to employment within the city of New York at least ten days in each calendar month; and

(d) is a current E-ZPass NY customer in good standing with a mailing address in Orange, Rockland, Dutchess or Putnam county and who has an E-ZPass tag associated with such account.

4. The provisions of this section shall apply only:

(a) to passenger motor vehicles used for personal commuting into the city of New York; and

(b) as long as the control business district tolling program is in effect in the city of New York.

5. For purposes of this section:

(a) "motor vehicle" has the meaning defined in section one hundred twenty-five of the vehicle and traffic law; and

(b) "the central business district tolling program" has the meaning define in section seventeen hundred three of the vehicle and traffic law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; and shall expire and be deem repealed upon the cessation of the central business district tolling program in the city of New York; provided that the president of the Triborough and tunnel authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the cessation of the central business district tolling program in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.