

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- 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 the no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for certain detective investigators or rackets investigators

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities
2 law, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any
5 contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road,
6 shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on
7 the Long Island Rail Road for police officers employed by the city of
8 New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of
9 Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state
10 police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North
11 Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority ~~[and]~~,
12 the New York city transit authority and "detective investigators" or
13 "rackets investigators" employed in the office of a district attorney
14 located within the county of Nassau, county of Suffolk, or the city of
15 New York. In establishing such program, which has as its goal increased
16 protection and improved safety for its commuters, the authority and the
17 Long Island Rail Road shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring
18 police officers who ride without cost to register with the Long Island
19 Rail Road as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such
20 officers to indicate during such registration process their regular
21 working hours and the Long Island Rail Road trains that such officers
22 expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering and re-validating
23 such officers. The authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall also
24 have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the
25 goals and objectives of this section.

26 § 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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