STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to install solar canopies on its parking facilities

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 1266-n to read as follows:

§ 1266-n. Solar canopies. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Parking facility" shall mean a parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility owned and/or operated by the authority, that offers parking spaces for the purposes of public use, employee use, and/or pay-per-usage.

(b) "Solar canopy" shall mean a system designed to capture solar radiation for the purpose of producing usable energy.

2. The authority shall calculate, in a manner developed by the authority, the total amount of square kilometers occupied by parking facilities suitable for solar canopy development within one year of the effective date of this section.

3. The authority shall utilize the data calculated pursuant to subdivision two of this section to create a distributed solar energy goal to use no less than seventy-five percent of eligible parking facility space authority-wide for solar canopies by two thousand forty.

4. Beginning one year after the effective date of this section, any construction project undertaken by the authority where the scope of such project includes a parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility that offers parking spaces for the purposes of public use, employee use or pay-per-usage or includes a parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility constructed by a private entity using state capital funding shall install solar canopies in such facilities, unless the authority has already reached the seventy-five percent goal established pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

§ 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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