STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring certain transportation facilities operated by public authorities to implement traveler-friendly concession pricing policies

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 397-c to read as follows:

§ 397-c. Traveler-friendly concession pricing. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "transportation facility" shall mean any rapid transit, commuter railroad, omnibus, marine, airport and aviation facility or any thruway rest areas, service areas or welcome centers within the state.

(b) "traveler-friendly concession pricing" shall mean the pricing of food and beverages at rates no more than the average retail price of such items at similar commercial establishments within a ten-mile radius.

(c) "similar commercial establishment" shall mean a vendor not located within the transportation facility that is comparable with the vendor located within the transportation facility in terms of concept, location, price rating, and category designation.

2. (a) Any transportation facility that is operated by a public authority shall be required to adopt a traveler-friendly concession pricing policy.

(b) Such pricing policy shall apply to all food and beverages sold by vendors within the facility to the public.

(c) Each public authority operating a transportation facility shall submit an annual compliance report to the office of the comptroller, detailing:

(i) average concession prices;

(ii) comparable local market prices; and

(iii) evidence of compliance by vendors with the street pricing model.

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

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(d) The office of the comptroller shall be authorized to conduct random audits and enforce the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a 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.