

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 16, 2026

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- 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 commuter passes on the New York state thruway in the Syracuse area; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 378 of the public author-
2 ities law is designated subdivision 1 and a new subdivision 2 is added
3 to read as follows:

4 2. (a) The authority is hereby authorized and directed to issue annual
5 short distance commuter permits which shall provide for travel at no
6 charge between interchanges in permit areas. For purposes of this subdivi-
7 vision, the term "permit area" shall mean the following set of inter-
8 changes: thirty-four-A, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-
9 eight and thirty-nine. Such permits shall be valid only for travel
10 within the permit area. The authority may restrict the use of such
11 permit to peak commuter hours.

12 (b) If, upon the completion of an audit conducted by a certified
13 public accountant selected by the authority, the authority can demon-
14 strate that the issuance of permits as authorized in paragraph (a) of
15 this subdivision for use during peak commuter hours causes a significant
16 loss of revenue to the authority, the authority is authorized, pursuant
17 to a resolution of the board, to offer such permits at a discount of the
18 cash cost per mile; provided, however, that, prior to such board resol-
19 ution, the authority shall hold at least one public hearing in the
20 permit area, at a time and location which will, to the extent practica-
21 ble, maximize the participation of the general public.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
23 it shall have become a law and shall expire December 31, 2030 when upon
24 such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed. The
25 thruway authority shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary
26 for the implementation of this act on or before such effective date.

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

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