STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 expanding time-delay mechanisms on emergency exit gates

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 1279-j to read as follows:

§ 1279-j. Time-delay emergency mechanisms. 1. The authority shall install and reasonably maintain time-delay egress mechanisms on all emergency gates at all subway stations operated by the authority. Further, the authority when installing such time-delay egress mechanism shall:

(a) include override systems in the event of emergencies (e.g., fires, power failures, emergency evacuations); and

(b) comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

2. The authority shall be prohibited from using such time-delay egress mechanisms at unstaffed stations. Further, if a station becomes unstaffed, the authority shall be required to deactivate such time-delay mechanism until such station has a trained human station agent physically present and on duty.

§ 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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