

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 12, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CHAN -- 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 a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for certain armed forces members, firefighters, and police officers

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

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

14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road, the New York city transit authority systems, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for active duty, reserves, and retired armed forces members, including but not limited to, the armed forces of the United States, the army national guard, the air national guard, the New York naval militia, the New York guard, and such additional forces as may be created by the federal or state government as authorized by law and reserve armed forces; firefighters employed by or retired from service with fire departments and volunteer fire departments active within the metropolitan commuter transportation district, including but not limited to the New York city fire department, the port authority of New York and New Jersey's aircraft rescue and firefighting unit, and county and local fire departments; and police officers employed by [~~the city of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns,~~] or retired from service with county, city, town, and village police departments within the metropolitan commuter transportation district, the division of state police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, [~~the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company,~~] the New York city housing authority and the [~~New York city transit~~

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

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1 ~~authority~~] metropolitan transportation authority police. In establishing
2 such program, which has as its goal increased protection and improved
3 safety for its commuters, the authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~]
4 shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring active duty,
5 reserves, and retired armed forces members, police officers and retired
6 police officers, and firefighters and retired firefighters who ride
7 without cost to register with the Long Island Rail Road, the New York
8 city transit authority, and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company as
9 a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such [~~officers~~] eligi-
10 ble participants to indicate during such registration process their
11 regular working hours, if applicable, and the [~~Long Island Rail Road~~
12 ~~trains~~] specific subway, bus, commuter rail and paratransit services
13 that such [~~officers~~] eligible participants expect to ride; and (c) peri-
14 odically re-registering and re-validating such [~~officers~~] eligible
15 participants. The authority [~~and the Long Island Rail Road~~] shall also
16 have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the
17 goals and objectives of this section.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
19 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law.