STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 25, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- 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 establishing a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for individuals in active military service of the United States and active duty members of the New York national guard

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

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for individuals in active military service of the United States and active duty members of the New York national guard.

(b) In order to be eligible for such no fare program, an individual in active military service of the United States or an active duty member of the New York national guard shall show their military-issued or New York national guard-issued identification card.

(c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "active military service of the United States", "New York national guard", "military", and "active duty" shall have the same meanings as defined by section one of the military law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth 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.

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

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