STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 17, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a parking placard review board

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The Metropolitan Transportation Sustainability Advisory Workgroup issued a report in 2018, which recommended ending placard abuse as a way to reduce congestion. The legislature hereby finds and declares that the issuance of vehicle placards encourages commuting by private vehicles and has led to congestion in the New York metropolitan area, consisting of the counties of New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and Rockland. The New York metropolitan area is designated a nonattainment area for failure to meet environmental protection agency (EPA) national ambient air quality standards.

Further, the EPA has indicated that the transportation sector of the New York metropolitan area is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, accounting for 28% of emissions, with light duty vehicles, such as personal cars and trucks, making up 59% of those transportation sector emissions.

A reduction in motor vehicle traffic and congestion, particularly commuter traffic into and out of Manhattan, is necessary to reduce these emissions and improve air quality for the entire New York metropolitan area.

§ 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new article 10-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10-E

PARKING PLACARD REVIEW BOARD

Section 3985. Parking placard review board.

§ 3985. Parking placard review board. 1. There is hereby created the "parking placard review board", hereinafter referred to as the "board", which shall consist of a chair and fifteen members appointed by the governor as follows: two members upon appointment by the governor, one

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

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of whom shall be the chair of the board; one member who shall be the commissioner of the New York state department of transportation or such commissioner's designee; two members upon recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York; one member who shall be the commissioner of the New York city department of transportation or such commissioner's designee; one member who shall be the chancellor of the New York city department of education or such chancellor's designee; two members upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; two members upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one member who shall be the chief judge of New York state or such chief judge's designee; one member who shall be the executive director of the port authority of New York and New Jersey or such executive director's designee; one member who shall be the chairperson of the metropolitan transportation authority or such chairperson's designee; one member who shall be the district attorney of the county of New York or such district attorney's designee; and one member who shall be from the office of the assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation New York field office or such assistant director's designee.

2. The board shall undertake a review of the impact of parking placard use within the city of New York. The board shall issue a final report and make recommendations related to the impact of parking placards upon congestion and shall establish criteria for the retention of existing parking placards and the distribution of new parking placards, and shall consider factors including, but not limited to:

(a) the impact of parking placards upon congestion;

(b) reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the New York metropolitan area;

(c) encouraging the use of mass transit;

(d) how often parking placards are misused, including illegal parking at bus stops, in loading zones and at unpaid meters;

(e) the effectiveness of any measures that have already been implemented to address parking placards, including legislation enacted by the city of New York, and how such measures may be improved and expanded upon;

(f) the number of parking placard complaints that are received and the response and resolution of such complaints;

(g) requiring entities who issue parking placards to implement a ceiling on the number of placards issued;

(h) eliminating reserved or dedicated parking for individuals with placards; and

(i) enforcement of penalties for parking placard misuse by an entity with independence from the individuals it would need to enforce.

3. The board shall, within six months of convening, issue a final report and recommendations to the governor, the mayor of the city of New York, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the commissioner of the New York state department of transportation, the commissioner of the New York city department of transportation, the chancellor of the New York city department of education, the executive director of the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the chairperson of the metropolitan transportation authority, the district attorney of the county of New York, and the assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation New York field office.

4. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.