

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:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The Metropolitan Transportation
2 Sustainability Advisory Workgroup issued a report in 2018, which recom-
3 mended ending placard abuse as a way to reduce congestion. The legisla-
4 ture hereby finds and declares that the issuance of vehicle placards
5 encourages commuting by private vehicles and has led to congestion in
6 the New York metropolitan area, consisting of the counties of New York,
7 Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and Rock-
8 land. The New York metropolitan area is designated a nonattainment area
9 for failure to meet environmental protection agency (EPA) national ambi-
10 ent air quality standards.

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

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

20 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new article
21 10-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10-E

PARKING PLACARD REVIEW BOARD

Section 3985. Parking placard review board.

25 § 3985. Parking placard review board. 1. There is hereby created the
26 "parking placard review board", hereinafter referred to as the "board",
27 which shall consist of a chair and fifteen members appointed by the
28 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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1 of whom shall be the chair of the board; one member who shall be the
2 commissioner of the New York state department of transportation or such
3 commissioner's designee; two members upon recommendation of the mayor of
4 the city of New York; one member who shall be the commissioner of the
5 New York city department of transportation or such commissioner's desig-
6 nee; one member who shall be the chancellor of the New York city depart-
7 ment of education or such chancellor's designee; two members upon the
8 recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; two members
9 upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one member who
10 shall be the chief judge of New York state or such chief judge's desig-
11 nee; one member who shall be the executive director of the port authori-
12 ty of New York and New Jersey or such executive director's designee; one
13 member who shall be the chairperson of the metropolitan transportation
14 authority or such chairperson's designee; one member who shall be the
15 district attorney of the county of New York or such district attorney's
16 designee; and one member who shall be from the office of the assistant
17 director of the federal bureau of investigation New York field office or
18 such assistant director's designee.

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

25 (a) the impact of parking placards upon congestion;

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

28 (c) encouraging the use of mass transit;

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

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

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

37 (g) requiring entities who issue parking placards to implement a ceil-
38 ing on the number of placards issued;

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

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

43 3. The board shall, within six months of convening, issue a final
44 report and recommendations to the governor, the mayor of the city of New
45 York, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assem-
46 bly, the commissioner of the New York state department of transporta-
47 tion, the commissioner of the New York city department of transporta-
48 tion, the chancellor of the New York city department of education, the
49 executive director of the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the
50 chairperson of the metropolitan transportation authority, the district
51 attorney of the county of New York, and the assistant director of the
52 federal bureau of investigation New York field office.

53 4. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

54 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.