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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the

Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT in relation to establishing a toll-free overnight hours pilot

program on the New York state thruway; and providing for the repeal of

such provisions upon expiration thereof

<u>The People of the State of New York, represented</u> in Senate and Assem-

bly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. 1. No later than 120 days after the effective date of this
- 2 act, the New York state thruway authority shall establish and administer
- 3 a toll-free overnight hours pilot program to reduce congestion during
- 4 daytime peak hours by incentivizing off-peak travel, provide cost

- 5 savings to New York residents, truckers, and businesses relying on
- 6 freight transportation, support smoother traffic flow and decrease wear-
- 7 and-tear on roads by redistributing vehicle usage, and promote environ-
- 8 mental benefits by reducing vehicle idling and improving air quality
- 9 during peak hours. Under such program, tolls on the New York state thru-
- 10 way shall be eliminated for E-ZPass users between the hours of 10 PM and
- 11 6 AM. The authority shall collect and analyze data on traffic patterns,
- 12 toll revenue, and public feedback for the duration of such program.
- 13 2. No later than 90 days after the completion of such program, the New
- 14 York state authority shall submit a report to the governor, the tempo-
- 15 rary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly containing
- 16 the findings of such pilot program and any recommendations for legisla-
 - 17 tive action.
- 18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
- 19 deemed repealed two years after the submission of the report required
- 20 pursuant to section two of this act; provided, however, that the New
- 21 York state thruway authority shall notify the legislative bill drafting
- 22 commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation
- 23 provided for in section one of this act in order that the commission may
- 24 maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text
- 25 of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the
- 26 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the
 - 27 public officers law.

[-] is old law to be omitted.

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