The Legislature of Rockland County

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Legislator – District 10
Chair, Special Committee On Transit

AGENDA
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSIT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
6:50 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF MAY 14, 2015

1. REF. #8069- REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASSES BILL S.01659 AND THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL A.01487, TO AMEND THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW TO PROVIDE A DISCOUNTED TOLL RATE TO RESIDENTS OF ROCKLAND AND WESTCHESTER COUNTIES FOR TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE CROSSINGS
(HONS. J. HOOD, JR., C. CAREY, LEGISLATURE)

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Introduced by: Referral No.
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Christopher J. Carey, Co-Sponsor ,2015

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2015
REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASSES BILL S.01659 AND THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL A.01487, TO AMEND THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW TO PROVIDE A DISCOUNTED TOLL RATE TO RESIDENTS OF ROCKLAND AND WESTCHESTER COUNTIES FOR TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE CROSSINGS

WHEREAS, a replacement for the Governor Malcolm Wilson Tappan Zee Bridge is presently being constructed; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 million toll-paying vehicles cross the current Tappan Zee Bridge each year; and

WHEREAS, currently the toll for Class 2L vehicles is $5.00 cash or $4.75 with an E-ZPass account, except for customers with an individual E-ZPass account with a bridge commuter or carpool plan; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that tolls will be increased by the New York State Thruway Authority to repay bonds issued to aid in financing the new bridge; and

WHEREAS, local economies will be negatively impacted by any large toll increase; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County residents will be discouraged from travelling across the Hudson River as a result of increased Tappan Zee Bridge tolls; and

WHEREAS, a "resident discount" would be entirely appropriate and warranted for the citizens of Rockland County and Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, such a "resident discount" currently exists for Staten Island residents who use the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge; and

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the New York State Senate (S.01659) and in the New York State Assembly (A.01487) to amend the New York State Public Authorities Law to allow a discounted toll rate to residents of Rockland and Westchester Counties for Tappan Zee Bridge Crossings at sixty percent (60%) of the nonresident toll; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bills would exempt Rockland and Westchester residents from a surcharge in addition to any regular toll for crossing over the Tappan Zee Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the _____ Committee of the Legislature has met, considered, and by a _____ vote approved this Resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County hereby requests that the New York State Senate passes Bill S.01659 and that the New York State Assembly passes Bill A.01487, to amend the New York State Public Authorities Law to provide a discounted toll rate to residents of Rockland and Westchester Counties for Tappan Zee Bridge Crossings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin Jr., Members of the New York State Senate; Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Hon Ellen C. Jaffee, Hon. James G. Skoufis, and Hon. Karl A. Brabanec, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; Joanne M. Mahoney, Chair of the New York State Thruway Board of Directors; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

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LG-2015-110
11/16/15
11/20/15

S01659 Summary:

BILL NO S01659

SAME AS SAME AS

SPONSOR CARLUCCI

COSPNSR HASSELL-THOMPSON

MLTSPNSR

Add S354-a, Pub Auth L

Allows the thruway authority to offer discounted tokens to residents of Rockland and Westchester counties for Tappan Zee bridge crossings.

S01659 Actions:

BILL NO S01659

01/13/2015 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

S01659 Votes:

There are no votes for this bill in this legislative session.

S01659 Memo:

Memo not available

S01659 Text:

S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

1659

2015-2016 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

January 13, 2015

Introduced by Sens. CARLUCCI, HASSELL-THOMPSON -- 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 allowing the New York state thruway authority to offer a discounted toll rate to residents of Rockland and Westchester counties for Tappan Zee bridge crossings

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 354-a to read as follows:

3 S 354-A. RESIDENT DISCOUNT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT
4 PROVISION OF LAW, BUT SUBJECT TO AGREEMENTS WITH NOTEHOLDERS AND BOND-
5 HOLDERS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL OFFER A DISCOUNTED TOLL RATE FOR TAPPAN ZEE
6 BRIDGE CROSSINGS TO RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY
7 OF WESTCHESTER AND MAY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION,
8 REGULATE THE USE THEREOF. THE DISCOUNT FOR RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF
9 ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SHALL ENTITLE SUCH RESIDENTS TO
10 CROSSINGS OVER THE TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE AT A REDUCED COST OF SIXTY PER
11 CENTUM OF THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE IMPOSED ON NONRESIDENTS OF THE COUN-
12 TY OF ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER. IN THE EVENT THE AUTHORITY
13 SHALL IMPOSE A SURCHARGE IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR TOLL FOR CROSSINGS
14 OVER THE TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE, SUCH SURCHARGE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PART OF
15 THE REGULAR CROSSING FARE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AND THE DISCOUNT
16 OFFERED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE COUNTY OF
17 WESTCHESTER AS HEREIN PROVIDED SHALL ALSO ENTITLE SUCH RESIDENTS TO A
18 PERMANENT EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH SURCHARGE IN AN AMOUNT
19 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH SURCHARGE IMPOSED DURING CALENDAR YEAR
20 TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN. APPLICATION FOR SUCH DISCOUNT SHALL BE MADE IN
21 SUCH MANNER AS PRESCRIBED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SHALL CONTAIN SUCH INFOR-
22 MATION AS THE AUTHORITY MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE.
23 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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A01487 Summary:

BILL NO A01487

SAME AS SAME AS

SPONSOR Zebrowski (MS)

COSPNSR Jaffee

MLTSPNSR

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