



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 800

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation establishing senior citizen MetroCards as legal identification in New York city.

By Council Members Lopez, Espada, Freed, Henry, Marshall, Nelson, Perkins, Quinn, Reed, Rodriguez and Watkins; also Council Members Foster, Harrison, Michels, O'Donovan, Robles and Sabini

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) is authorized as a public benefit corporation by the New York state public authorities law, chapter 43-A, section 1263; and

Whereas, Section 1264 of the public authorities law states that the MTA shall be regarded as performing an essential governmental function in carrying out its purposes and in exercising the powers granted by the title; and

Whereas, The MTA issues senior citizen MetroCards to individuals who are sixty-five years of age and over and show proof of that fact, for example, by presenting a driver's license, a non-driver identification, a birth certificate or a passport; and

Whereas, Senior citizen MetroCards contain a current photograph of the senior citizen in addition to a signature; and

Whereas, Senior citizen MetroCards are often the only form of identification that many seniors carry along with their Medicare cards; and

Whereas, Considering the fact that the MTA is an authorized governmental entity, a senior citizen MetroCard should be accepted as legal identification at government agencies, stores, banks and other commercial establishments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation establishing senior citizen MetroCards as legal identification in New York city.

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