

Proposed Rule

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Amend Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.2 entitled "Bridge tolls" to read as follows:

(a) Tolls shall be charged for each vehicle as classified below for each eastbound passage over each of the vehicular bridges controlled by the authority in accordance with the following schedule. Discounted tolls may be offered for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system provided that such discounted tolls shall expire December 31st of each year, except and to the extent extended annually by the Authority. Discounts for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system are subject to the requirements of § 201.6.

Vehicle class	Vehicle description	Axles	Standard Toll	E-ZPass Discounted Toll
1	All vehicles with two or fewer axles and four or fewer tires	2	[\$1.00] <u>\$1.50</u>	<u>\$1.25</u>
2	Two-axle vehicles with more than four tires	2	[\$2.50] <u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$4.50</u>
3	Three-axle vehicles	3	[\$4.50] <u>\$7.50</u>	<u>\$6.75</u>
4	Four-axle vehicles	4	[\$6.00] <u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
5	Five-axle vehicles	5	[\$7.50] <u>\$12.50</u>	<u>\$11.25</u>
6	Six-axle vehicles	6	[\$9.00] <u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$13.50</u>

Vehicle class	Vehicle description	Axles	Standard Toll	<u>E-ZPass</u> <u>Discounted Toll</u>
7	Each additional axle attached to vehicles in class 1	1	[\$ 0.50] <u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$0.90</u>
8	Each additional axle on or attached to vehicles in classes 2 through 6	1	[\$1.50] <u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$2.25</u>
9	[Regular] <u>Commuter discount</u>	2	[As described in section 201.5 of this Part]	<u>As described in section 201.5 of this Part</u>
10	[Car pool discount] <u>Reserved</u>	[2]	[As described in section 201.4 of this Part]	
11	Vehicles owned and operated by the authority, by authority employees or contractors, and emergency service vehicles or other vehicles which by law or authority resolution are treated as Class 11 vehicles	2	No charge	
12	Each additional axle on or attached to vehicles in class 11	1	No charge	

b) Pedestrians and self-propelled bicycles shall not be subject to tolls on bridges and facilities where such access and/or operation is permitted.

(§ 201.3 remains unchanged.)

Amend Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.4 entitled "Car Pool Discount" to read as follows and rename the section heading to read "Vehicular Bridges":

[Notwithstanding the above toll schedule, the authority shall have the right to issue car pool discount books for class 1 vehicles, as described above, subject to the following conditions.

(a) Car pool books shall contain 30 tickets, each good for one eastbound passage of a class 1 vehicle carrying three or more persons, shall be good for passage Monday through Friday only within 90 days of the date of purchase, and shall be sold at a price of \$9.

(b) Car pool books must be presented at the time of each passage and each ticket removed by a member of the authority staff. If not so presented, the full single trip toll shall be charged. Loose and/or detached tickets shall be invalid.

(c) Car pool tickets shall not be valid for passage by any vehicle carrying fewer than three persons.

(d) Car pool tickets shall be valid only for privately registered vehicles and individually owned or leased pick-up trucks.

(e) If a car pool book is presented after the expiration date, or if the book, or any ticket, is erased, defaced or altered, it will be invalid and will be confiscated, and the full single trip toll will be charged.

(f) No refund will be made if any car pool book is lost, stolen, expired, confiscated or for tolls collected upon failure to present the book, or for unused tickets.

(g) Car pool books are not transferable within one mile of the authority facilities.

(h) In addition to or in lieu of the issuance of regular commutation books for class 1 vehicles, the authority may offer discounted commuter tolls through its E-ZPass electronic toll system in accordance with procedures and under terms and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the authority. Such procedures, terms and conditions may include minimum deposits, administrative service fees on accounts or equipment, limits on transferability, and E-ZPass account requirements. The E-ZPass discount for regular commutation shall provide for a discounted toll of \$0.40, provided that the E-ZPass account holder agrees to allow their account to be charged for a minimum of 17 tolls per monthly period established by the authority.]

The vehicular bridges subject to toll shall be the Mid-Hudson Bridge, the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, the Bear Mountain Bridge, the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, and both spans of the Hamilton Fish Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

Subdivision (c) of 201.5 is renumbered to subdivision (a) and Section 201.5 entitled, "Commuter discount", is amended to read as follows:

[(a) Notwithstanding the above toll schedule, the authority may offer discounted commuter tolls for class

1 vehicles through its E-ZPass electronic toll system in accordance with procedures and under terms and conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the authority. Such procedures, terms and conditions may include minimum deposits, administrative service fees on accounts or equipment, limits on transferability, and E-ZPass account requirements.]

[(c)] (a) The E-ZPass [regular] commuter discount shall provide for a maximum discounted toll of [\$.50] \$1.00, provided that the E-ZPass account holder agrees to allow their account to be charged for a minimum of 17 tolls per monthly period established by the authority.

(b)[Such] The commuter discount shall be available only for privately-registered vehicles and individually owned or leased pick-up trucks through the E-ZPass System.

(§ 201.6 remains unchanged.)