

**A5267** Weprin Same as [S 5437](#) GOLDEN

Public Authorities Law

TITLE....Establishes metropolitan transportation authority disabled riders' council

02/17/15 referred to corporations, authorities and commissions

03/03/15 reported referred to ways and means

04/28/15 reported

04/30/15 advanced to third reading cal.258

05/11/15 passed assembly

05/11/15 delivered to senate

05/11/15 REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

06/16/15 SUBSTITUTED FOR S5437

06/16/15 PASSED SENATE

06/16/15 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

11/10/15 delivered to governor

11/20/15 vetoed memo.229

11/20/15 tabled

## VETO MESSAGE - No. 229

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 5267, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the board of the metropolitan transportation authority; and in relation to the establishment of the metropolitan transit authority riders' council for people with disabilities"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend the Public Authorities Law to add a third non-voting member to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) board, and to create a new MTA Riders' Council for Persons with Disabilities consisting of fifteen members who are persons with disabilities that regularly use the MTA transit system.

While the goal of this bill is laudable, persons with disabilities that utilize the MTA are already well-represented on three existing statutory councils: the New York City Transit Authority Advisory Council, the Metro-North Rail Commuter Council, and the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council. Together, they make up the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee (PCAC), an independent entity that has a non-voting seat on the MTA Board.

Moreover, the MTA is already subject to federal and state law requirements, most notably Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Federal Transit Administration regulations. Further, the New York City Transit, an MTA subsidiary, continuously receives input from the Paratransit Advisory Committee, which is comprised exclusively of members who either use the MTA's paratransit services or represent organizations for persons with disabilities. For these reasons, I am therefore constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

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