2003-04 Executive Budget 30-DAY AMENDMENTS

Amendments to Senate 1409, Assembly 2109

(Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation Article VII Bill)

Part C, relating to special hauling permits and divisible load permits, is amended to:

- Add a January 1, 2004 effective date for R-posted bridge restrictions to provide sufficient compliance lead-time.
- Add language to axle weight distribution requirements to improve safety of permitted vehicles while operating off-road.
- Make other technical changes related to enforcement scale tolerance.

Part I, relating to the amount retained on pari-mutuel wagering, is amended to:

- Extend revised takeout ranges to include exotic and super-exotic wagers.
- Reduce regulatory fee from one-half of one percent to thirty-nine hundredths of one percent.

Part M, relating to boating registration fees is amended to:

• Add a boating access surcharge to the boat registration fee. This proposal would add a triennial surcharge of between \$3 and \$15 dollars for registration of a vessel. The surcharge would be in addition to the increase of triennial boat registration fees currently proposed in the Executive Budget. The surcharge would support the establishment or improvement of boating access facilities.

Part R, relating to the transfer of moneys from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, is amended to:

• Add a new section that provides additional general fund relief of \$1,376,000 from interest earning on the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Rebate account.

Part BB, relating to state air quality control fees is added to:

• Change the assessment of air regulatory fees from emission point basis to a facility-based fee. The Article VII bill would establish a fee of \$500 for each State Air Quality permit or other operating approval, a fee of \$350 for each registration, and a fee of \$100 for a municipality, school district or not-for-profit organization for each State facility permit, registration, and/or other operating approval.