

# TO ROLL



An M9 car at the Long Island Rail Road's Hillside facility.

lays and service disruptions and a recent fare increase. "It's not going to erase all the faults from the past, but it will help."

The M9s, which were originally set to arrive more than a year ago, have encountered numerous delays, including those caused by the LIRR making changes to its original specifications and by problems with the cars' design. In 2015, two years after work on the new fleet began, the railroad revealed there was not enough space in the cars' design for the hardware needed for "positive train control" — federally required crash prevention technology.

Another major setback occurred last year when eight "pilot" cars owned by Kawasaki were damaged in a yard derailment before they could be delivered to the LIRR.

The first of the trains ar-

rived in New York about a year ago. The LIRR has been performing tests on the M9 cars in recent months, allowing some commuters to get a peek at the trains — identifiable by their blue and yellow exterior striping — as they cruise through the system.

Far Rockaway branch commuter Jonathan Martindale recently snapped some photos of an M9 parked at a Jamaica station platform during his commute.

"They look much like the M7s, but with a little flashier coloring," said Martindale, 40, who is looking forward to being able to board one of the trains. He began riding LIRR trains regularly while attending high school in Brooklyn.

"They felt old then," Martindale said. "And to — 20 years later — still be on the same trains and paying this kind of money, it makes you wonder."

## State Senate OKs bill letting felons on juries

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ALBANY — The State Senate on Tuesday approved a bill that would upend a decades-long ban on felons being able to serve on juries in New York.

Following a spirited debate, the Democratic-led Senate passed the bill, 36-25, largely along party lines. The overwhelmingly Democratic Assembly plans on approving the measure before the legislative session ends in June, a key official said Tuesday.

It was just the latest in a string of criminal justice and election laws the Democrats have driven through the Senate since winning a decisive majority in November and ending a long run of Republican control.

Advocates in the Senate — 36 Democrats — said the felon/jury bill was about reintegrating felons into society, helping them become participants again.

"If a person has completed their sentence, the person should be considered rehabilitated and have their full rights restored and that includes being able to serve on a jury," said Sen. Luis Sepulveda (D-Bronx).

"It's about rights for people who have gone through the process, added Sen. Jamaal Bailey (D-Bronx).

Opponents — 21 Republicans and 4 Democrats — said felons forfeited the right to serve on a jury. Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan (R-East Northport), shortly before the vote, called it "bad public policy." He said felons effectively should have to apply for the right to serve on a jury, not just have the right automatically restored.

"Some of these crimes are so egregious, I'm afraid they're going to be presumptively more supportive of people like themselves," Flanagan said about why felons should be blocked.

During the debate, Sen. Joe Robach (R-Rochester) argued that, at minimum, violent felons should still be banned and said that none of his Democratic colleagues would want such a person on a jury if the

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case involved an attack on a loved one.

Notably, of Long Island's six Democratic senators, four voted no: Sens. John Brooks (D-

Seaford), Jim Gaughran (D-Northport), Anna Kaplan (D-Great Neck) and Monica Martinez (D-Brentwood), according to the Senate roll call.

Sens. Todd Kaminsky (D-Long Beach) and Kevin Thomas (D-Levittown) voted yes. The Island's three Republicans all voted no: Flanagan, Sen. Phil Boyle (R-Bay Shore) and Sen. Kenneth LaValle (R-Port Jefferson).

Assemb. Jeffrion Aubry (D-East Elmhurst), who sponsors the bill in the other chamber, said the Assembly was certain to pass it during this legislative session, but he didn't have a date set.

Legislative officials couldn't immediately say how long the ban has been in effect, but said it goes back decades, if not longer.

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