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MTA short-changes straphangers with unlimited cards: lawsuit

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A Manhattan serial litigant, who recently lost a court fight against a Chelsea club he claimed discriminated against him for being an older male, is now waging a class action suit against the MTA saying the transit agency short-changes straphangers.

In his Manhattan Supreme Court suit, Roy Den Hollander claims the Transit Authority has “misled” commuters by engaging in the “deceptive practice of falsely advertising seven and 30 day unlimited ride cards when such cards are valid for less time than that disclosed.”

Hollander says, for example, that the MTA states on its website that seven-day unlimited MetroCards are “good for unlimited subway and local bus rides until midnight, seven days from day of first use.”

But, he says, “This is not, in fact, accurate. The MetroCard is actually valid for six days from first use, plus a variable number of hours up until midnight on that sixth day.”

He goes on to gripe, “Thus a seven day MetroCard purchased (and swiped) on October 22, would expire on October 28th (six days later).”

The same thing happens with 30-day cards so the affect is that riders lose a day of service, he claims in court papers filed Monday.

Hollander, an attorney, is suing for unspecified damages.

The MTA has declined to comment.

Hollander calls himself an “anti-feminist lawyer” but his court battles against women have not been successful.

This past August he lost a legal challenge claiming that “Ladies Nights” at nightclubs were unconstitutional because they discriminated against men. He also sued Columbia University in a futile effort to get the Ivy League to cancel its Women’s Studies program.

After shock jocks ridiculed the suit, Hollander sued them for \$500,000 for defamation.

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