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Introduced by Sens. GOLDEN, LANZA, MARTINS, SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to statewide disaster preparedness plan and emergency response

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature hereby
2 finds and declares that due to the extreme weather patterns that the
3 state of New York has experienced in recent years, there is a need for
4 improvement of the statewide preparedness plan to better equip locali-
5 ties in assisting citizens. The disaster preparedness commission shall
6 develop a comprehensive disaster defense plan that maps out the course
7 of action for all state and local authorities, departments, and agencies
8 in the event that the state experiences a disaster that affects more
9 than one county in the state. The public needs a more readily available
10 and comprehensive set of instructions for the proper course of action to
11 be taken in the event of emergencies and disasters.

12 S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 22 of the executive law is amended by
13 adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

14 D. PERIODIC PLAN REVISION. THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PLANS SHALL TAKE
15 INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MAJORI-
16 TY LEADER AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AS WELL AS THE REPORTS AND
17 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ANY APPROPRIATE TASK FORCE OR COMMISSION FORMED
18 AS A RESULT OR IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC INCIDENT INVOLVING A THREAT,
19 DISASTER OR EMERGENCY. THE COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR, THE
20 LEGISLATURE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS
21 SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL LOCALITY OR AREA OF THE STATE.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 3. Subparagraphs 6 and 16 of paragraph b of subdivision 3 of section
2 22 of the executive law, as amended by section 3 of part B of chapter 56
3 of the laws of 2010, are amended and a new paragraph 17 is added to read
4 as follows:

5 (6) a plan for coordinated evacuation procedures, including the estab-
6 lishment of temporary housing, THE LOCATION OF STRATEGICALLY PLACED
7 STOCKPILES OF FOOD, WATER AND OTHER NECESSARY EMERGENCY MATERIALS, and
8 other necessary facilities;

9 (16) utilization and coordination of programs to assist individuals
10 with household pets and service animals following a disaster, with
11 particular attention to means of evacuation, shelter and transportation
12 options[.]; AND

13 (17) A CENTRALIZED DISSEMINATION OF THE PROCEDURES, RESOURCES AND
14 INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER
15 RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN
16 RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.

17 S 4. Paragraphs (t) and (u) of subdivision 2 of section 709 of the
18 executive law, paragraph (t) as added by section 14 and paragraph (u) as
19 added by section 22 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, are
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (t) develop, maintain, and deploy state, regional and local all-hazard
22 incident management teams[.]; AND

23 (u) HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS SUBSEQUENT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY OR
24 DISASTER AFFECTING ANY AREA OF THE STATE AND REPORT ON AND MAKE RECOM-
25 MENDATIONS TO THE STATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION AS TO ADDI-
26 TIONAL ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC EMERGENCY
27 SITUATIONS.

28 2-A. Notwithstanding article six-C of this chapter, or any other
29 provision of law to the contrary, the division of homeland security and
30 emergency services shall establish best practices regarding training and
31 education for firefighters and first responders which shall include but
32 not be limited to: minimum basic training for firefighters and first
33 responders; in-service training and continuing education; and special-
34 ized training as it may apply to the specific duties of a category of
35 emergency personnel.

36 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.