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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the establishment of a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 156-i
2 to read as follows:

3 § 156-i. Establishment of a specialized electric vehicle emergency
4 response training program. 1. The state fire administrator shall estab-
5 lish a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program
6 for individuals responsible for providing emergency response recovery
7 following incidents involving electric vehicles. The state fire adminis-
8 trator shall inform all fire companies, municipal corporations and
9 districts, including agencies and departments thereof and all firefight-
10 ers, both paid and volunteer, and related officers and employees, police
11 officers, and emergency medical services agencies of the implementation
12 and availability of the specialized electric vehicle emergency response
13 training program and shall, subject to the availability of an appropri-
14 ation, conduct such training with sufficient frequency to ensure
15 adequate response to incidents involving electric vehicles and
16 protection of responders in all geographic areas of the state.

17 2. The state fire administrator shall prescribe the curriculum of the
18 specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program, which
19 shall include, but shall not be limited to, hands-on training.

20 3. The state fire administrator is hereby directed to issue a report
21 to the governor, speaker of the assembly, temporary president of the
22 senate, chairman of the assembly transportation committee and the chair-
23 man of the senate transportation committee by February fifteenth of each
24 year on the operations of the program set forth in this section.

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

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1 4. The state fire administrator shall promulgate such rules and regu-
2 lations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

3 5. For the purposes of this section, the term "emergency medical
4 services agency" shall mean an agency that provides initial emergency
5 medical services including, but not limited to, the treatment of trauma,
6 burns, respiratory, circulatory and obstetrical emergencies, as defined
7 in section three thousand one of the public health law.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.