STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the general municipal law, in relation to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3019 to read as follows:

§ 3019. Department review of comprehensive county emergency medical system plans. 1. The department, in consultation with the state emergency medical services council, the regional emergency medical services councils, or any other group the department deems necessary, may make available a model comprehensive county emergency medical system plan format to help provide guidance to counties to consider when developing their comprehensive county emergency medical system plan required pursuant to section one hundred twenty-two-b of the general municipal law. Such model plan shall be made publicly available on the department's website and outline the components of the plan that the department deems most effective to facilitate their timely review and meaningful feedback on each county's plan.

2. Upon receipt of a county's comprehensive county emergency medical system plan submitted to the department pursuant to section one hundred twenty-two-b of the general municipal law, the department shall review such plan and provide written feedback and any recommendations, within sixty days of such plan's submission, for review by the county.

§ 2. Subdivision 6 of section 122-b of the general municipal law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, is amended to read as follows:

6. (a) Each county, in coordination with their regional emergency medical services council, shall convene meetings and a planning process

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

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with cities, towns, and villages within their jurisdiction for the purpose of developing and maintaining a comprehensive county emergency medical system plan that shall describe how coordinated and reliable emergency medical services within the county would be provided for all residents within the county. **Such process shall be convened by the county emergency medical system coordinator, designee of the county office of emergency management, or other designee selected by the county.** The planning process**, and resulting comprehensive county emergency medical system plan,** shall include assessment of the existing level of emergency medical services in each area of the county, a plan to increase or provide service where additional service is needed, a determination as to what organizational structure will be utilized to provide service in each area of the county, and cost estimates to provide service in areas requiring service levels greater than currently available. The goal of this process is to provide a framework to assist state and local decision makers in achieving the objective of ensuring that reliable emergency medical services and ambulance services are made available to every person in the state.

(b) In developing the comprehensive county emergency medical system plan, each county, city, town, and village shall work together to specify which entity or entities, and which organizational structure will be utilized for providing emergency medical services and how costs for providing such services will be assigned. Such plan may utilize municipal, intermunicipal, not-for-profit or for-profit contract coverage, special district, or regional agreements for providing service in each area of the county. **The plan shall also identify the current emergency medical services provider or providers responsible for requests for emergency medical services within each part of the county, or note any given area that does not have an emergency medical services provider responsible for requests for emergency medical services.**

(c) [~~Comprehensive~~] **Each plan shall detail any specific local government actions, such as any intermunicipal agreements or special district creations, that may be necessary for the implementation of such plan.**

(d) Each county shall complete their comprehensive county emergency medical system [~~plans shall be completed within six months of the effective date of this section and submitted~~] **plan and submit it electronically** to the department of health**, their respective regional emergency medical services council,** and the state emergency medical services council for review, and comment **within six months of the effective date of this section**.

§ 3. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] **six months after it shall have become a law**.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7501-A and A. 8086-A, takes effect.