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IN SENATE

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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 make
5 available a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training
6 program for individuals responsible for providing emergency response and
7 recovery following incidents involving electric vehicles. The state fire
8 administrator shall inform all fire companies, municipal corporations
9 and districts, including agencies and departments thereof and all fire-
10 fighters, both paid and volunteer, and related officers and employees,
11 police officers, emergency medical services agencies, and tow operators
12 of the implementation and availability of the specialized electric vehi-
13 cle emergency response training program and shall, subject to the avail-
14 ability of an appropriation, conduct such training with sufficient
15 frequency to ensure adequate response to incidents involving electric
16 vehicles and protection of responders in all geographic areas of the
17 state.

18 2. The state fire administrator shall prescribe the curriculum of the
19 specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program, which
20 shall include, but shall not be limited to, hands-on training. As
21 recommended by the national transportation safety board, the curriculum
22 shall, to the maximum extent possible, be based on international organ-
23 ization for standardization (ISO) standard 17840, where consistent first
24 with the standards of the society of automotive engineers and second
25 with the standards of the national fire protection association.

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

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1 3. The state fire administrator is hereby directed to issue a report
2 to the governor, speaker of the assembly, temporary president of the
3 senate, chair of the assembly transportation committee and the chair of
4 the senate transportation committee by February fifteenth of each year
5 on the operations of the program set forth in this section.

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

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

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.