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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to local disaster preparedness plans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 20 of the executive
2 law, as amended by chapter 781 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 a. "disaster" means occurrence or imminent threat of wide spread or
5 severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any
6 natural or man-made causes, including, but not limited to, fire, flood,
7 earthquake, hurricane, tornado, high water, landslide, mudslide, wind,
8 storm, wave action, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination,
9 blight, drought, infestation, explosion, radiological accident, water
10 contamination, ACT OF TERRORISM INCLUDING BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL OR RADIO-
11 LOGICAL TERRORISM, bridge failure or bridge collapse.

12 S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 23 of the executive law, as added by
13 chapter 640 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

14 6. All plans for disaster preparedness developed by local governments
15 or any revisions thereto shall COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGE-
16 MENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AND be submitted to the commission by December thir-
17 ty-first of each year to facilitate state coordination of disaster oper-
18 ations.

19 S 3. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 23 of
20 the executive law, as added by chapter 640 of the laws of 1978, is
21 amended and eight new subparagraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are
22 added to read as follows:

23 (4) such other measures as reasonably can be taken to prevent disas-
24 ters or mitigate their impact[.];

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

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1 (5) A ROSTER OF VOLUNTEER MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE COUNTY WHO WOULD BE
2 AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS AND HAVE A PROCEDURE TO COORDINATE
3 SUCH VOLUNTEERS;

4 (6) ASSESSMENT AS TO THE EXTENT OF EACH COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE INFRA-
5 STRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF HOSPITAL BEDS, DOCTOR'S OFFICES
6 AND EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO A DISASTER AREA;

7 (7) DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING DISEASE OR EXPOSURE DATA
8 IMMEDIATELY AS A RESULT OF A DISASTER;

9 (8) IDENTIFICATION OF A LOCAL STOCKPILE OF PHARMACEUTICALS AVAILABLE
10 IN THE COUNTY, IF AVAILABLE, AND IDENTIFY HOW TO INTEGRATE STATE AND
11 FEDERAL STOCKPILES INTO THE LOCAL SUPPLY;

12 (9) IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGAN-
13 IZATIONS TO BE USED FOLLOWING A DISASTER;

14 (10) DESIGNATING A COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIAL AS THE HEALTH RISK COMMU-
15 NICATOR;

16 (11) CREATION OF DRILLS TO BE USED TO TEST SUCH PLANS; AND

17 (12) ASSESSMENT AS TO THE PLANNING FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
18 NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

19 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of June next succeeding
20 the date on which it shall have become a law.