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Introduced by M. of A. SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to mutual aid among member states and states which are members of other regional forest fire protection compacts pursuant to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact

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

Section 1. Section 9-1123 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new article IX-A to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX-A

THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IX OF THIS COMPACT WHICH RELATE TO MUTUAL AID IN COMBATING, CONTROLLING OR PREVENTING FOREST FIRES SHALL BE OPERATIVE AS BETWEEN ANY MEMBER STATE AND ANY OTHER STATE WHICH IS PARTY TO A REGIONAL FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT IN ANOTHER REGION; PROVIDED THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH OTHER STATE SHALL HAVE GIVEN ITS CONSENT TO SUCH MUTUAL AID PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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