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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of homeland security and emergency services to provide recommendations on the implementation of tornado warning systems in the state

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 711-a  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 711-A. REPORT ON TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM. 1. THE DIVISION SHALL ISSUE  
4     A REPORT PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TORNADO  
5     WARNING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF TORNADO SIRENS IN MUNICI-  
6     PALITIES ACROSS THE STATE. SUCH REPORT SHALL DESIGNATE WHICH MUNICI-  
7     PALITIES SHOULD INSTALL TORNADO SIRENS. ADDITIONALLY, THE DIVISION SHALL  
8     PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF TORNADO SIRENS AND WHETHER  
9     THEY SHOULD BE LOCATED NEAR SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, SPORTS FACILITIES,  
10    COLLEGES OR OTHER POPULATED AREAS.  
11    2. THE DIVISION SHALL ANALYZE AND REPORT ON THE USE OF FIREHOUSE  
12    SIRENS AS POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY OF AN  
13    IMPENDING TORNADO AND THE TYPE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION NECESSARY TO CARRY  
14    OUT SUCH PROGRAM.  
15    3. THE DIVISION SHALL ALSO RECOMMEND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES TO BE USED TO  
16    ISSUE TORNADO WARNINGS SUCH AS TEXT MESSAGES TO CELL PHONES AND THE  
17    SYSTEMS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT AN EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM.  
18    4. THE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE  
19    THE COST OF A TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM AND POSSIBLE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR  
20    THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM.  
21    5. THE DIVISION SHALL ISSUE THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGIS-  
22    LATURE ON OR BEFORE MARCH FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.  
23    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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