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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO, RAMOS, SEPULVEDA, ROBERTS, HOOPER, SCARBOROUGH, BENEDETTO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK, PEOPLES-STOKES, PERRY, SCHIMEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- amended on the special order of third reading, ordered reprinted as amended, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

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. ANALYZE AND REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING TORNADO
4 WARNING SYSTEMS. 1. THE DIVISION SHALL ANALYZE AND REPORT ON THE FEASI-
5 BILITY OF IMPLEMENTING TORNADO WARNING SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE INSTALLA-
6 TION OF TORNADO SIRENS IN MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE STATE. SUCH EXAMINA-
7 TION SHALL INCLUDE DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD
8 INSTALL TORNADO SIRENS, THE POTENTIAL PLACEMENT OF TORNADO SIRENS AND
9 WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE LOCATED NEAR SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, SPORTS FACILI-
10 TIES, 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.

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

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1 4. THE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE
2 A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTING A TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM AND
3 POSSIBLE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TORNADO WARNING
4 SYSTEM.

5 5. THE DIVISION SHALL ISSUE THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGIS-
6 LATURE ON OR BEFORE MARCH FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

7 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.