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AN ACT to require the public service commission to develop recommenda-
  tions regarding the establishment of microgrids

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

 1   Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or
 2 local law to the contrary, the public service commission shall develop
 3 recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids in the state
 4 of New York. For purposes of this act, the term "microgrid" shall mean a
 5 group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within
 6 clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable
 7 entity with respect to the grid and can connect and disconnect from the
 8 grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island-mode.
 9 Specifically, the commission shall develop recommendations which
10 include, but are not limited to, the following:
11   (a) Whether microgrids should be established at hospitals, first
12 responder headquarters, such as police and fire stations, emergency
13 shelters, schools, water filtration plants, sewage treatment plants and
14 other locations in the state of New York;
15   (b) The geographic areas in the state of New York where the establish-
16 ment of such microgrids should be a priority, based upon severe storm
17 damage during the two years prior to the effective date of this act; and
18   (c) Funding mechanisms that should be considered in order to pay for
19 the establishment of such microgrids.
20   S 2. The commission shall submit a final report of recommendations to
21 the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of
22 the assembly within one year after the affective date of this act.
23   S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.