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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the executive law, in  
relation to authorizing chief executives to designate any vehicle as  
an emergency vehicle during a declaration of a disaster emergency by  
executive action or local state of emergency

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

1 Section 1. Section 101 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2 chapter 446 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 S 101. Authorized emergency vehicle. Every ambulance, police vehicle  
4 or bicycle, correction vehicle, fire vehicle, civil defense emergency  
5 vehicle, emergency ambulance service vehicle, blood delivery vehicle,  
6 county emergency medical services vehicle, environmental emergency  
7 response vehicle, sanitation patrol vehicle, hazardous materials emer-  
8 gency vehicle and ordnance disposal vehicle of the armed forces of the  
9 United States AND ANY VEHICLE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION TWENTY OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, AUTHORIZES AS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
11 DURING THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE  
12 ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW OR A LOCAL  
13 STATE OF EMERGENCY AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR OF THE  
14 EXECUTIVE LAW.

15 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 24 of the executive law,  
16 as added by chapter 640 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 a. the establishment of a curfew and the prohibition and control of  
19 pedestrian and vehicular traffic, except essential [emergency vehicles  
20 and personnel] AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION ONE HUNDRED ONE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW;

22 S 3. Paragraph g of subdivision 1 of section 24 of the executive law,  
23 as relettered by chapter 158 of the laws of 1994, is relettered para-  
24 graph h and a new paragraph g is added to read as follows:

25 G. THE DESIGNATION OF ANY VEHICLE AS AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE;

26 S 4. 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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