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Introduced by Sens. JACOBS, SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- again amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the state administrative procedure act, in relation to agencies adopting emergency rules

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 6 of section 202 of the state administrative procedure act, paragraph (a) as added by chapter 17 of the laws of 1984 and paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 483 of the laws of 1988, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an agency finds for a good cause that the immediate adoption of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety or general welfare [~~and that compliance with the requirements of subdivision one of this section would be contrary to the public interest, the agency may dispense with all or part of such requirements and adopt the rule on an emergency basis~~], and one or more of the following conditions are met, the agency may dispense with all or part of the requirements of subdivision one of this section and adopt the rule on an emergency basis:

(i) the usual rule making procedures are impractical because there is an emergency that poses an imminent and actual threat to public health or safety; or

(ii) the delay involved in adopting the rule through the usual rule making procedure would cause the agency to be out of compliance with a judicial decision, federal or state law; or

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

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1 (iii) the delay in adopting the rule through the usual rule making  
2 procedure would result in a loss of federal funds; or

3 (iv) the delay involved in adopting the rule through the usual rule  
4 making procedure provided in subdivision one of this section would lead  
5 to irreparable injury.

6 (a-1) Within thirty days of the adoption of the emergency rule, the  
7 agency shall separately submit a notice of proposed rule making for such  
8 rule to the secretary of state to commence the usual rule making proce-  
9 dures set forth in subdivision one of this section.

10 (b) Unless otherwise provided by law, such emergency rule shall not  
11 remain in effect for longer than ninety days after being filed with the  
12 secretary of state unless within such time the agency complies with the  
13 requirements of subdivision one of this section and adopts the rule  
14 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision five of this section,  
15 provided, however, if such emergency rule is readopted prior to the  
16 expiration of such ninety day period such readoption and any subsequent  
17 readoptions shall remain in effect for no longer than sixty days. Upon  
18 any readoption, the agency shall publish and make available to the  
19 public an assessment of public comments received on the emergency rule  
20 or the separate notice of proposed rulemaking for such rule. The emer-  
21 gency rule may remain in effect, at the latest, for as long as the sepa-  
22 rate notice of proposed rulemaking remains in effect pursuant to subdi-  
23 vision two of this section. When the separate notice of proposed  
24 rulemaking expires pursuant to subdivision two of this section, the  
25 emergency rule shall also expire and be ineffective for the purposes of  
26 this section.

27 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.