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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to establish a task force to study and make recommendations on backup energy

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

Section 1. a. A task force is hereby established to study backup energy in the state of New York. For purposes of this act, "backup energy" shall mean any provision of energy to residents of this state during the occurrence when an energy provider or utility company is unable or unwilling to provide such service.

b. Such study shall include:

(i) the current ability of the state to provide backup energy;

(ii) the feasibility of utilizing technologies such as battery-stored backup power, solar power, wind power and fuel cells for backup energy; and

(iii) any other information the task force deems relevant.

c. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the task force shall report its findings of such study to the governor and the legislature, as described under subdivision b of this section.

§ 2. a. The task force shall be comprised of twelve members, to be appointed as follows:

(i) four members appointed by the governor;

(ii) four members appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and

(iii) four members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

b. One of the appointments by the governor shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

c. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their services.

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

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d. All departments, divisions, bureaus, commissions, districts or agencies of the state or any political subdivisions thereof shall, at the request of the chairperson, provide the task force with such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.