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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring energy suppliers to supply generators to all emergency shelters and cooling centers for use in emergency situations

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 66-q to read as follows:

§ 66-q. Generators for emergency shelters and cooling centers. 1. Every electric corporation which provides electricity to any temporary emergency shelter or cooling center in this state shall provide each such temporary emergency shelter or cooling center with an alternate generated power source for use in emergency situations where electric service has been disrupted.

2. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Alternate generated power source" shall mean electric generating equipment that is capable of providing adequate electricity to support, at a minimum, necessary lighting, heating, cooling, and life-safety systems within a temporary emergency shelter or cooling center, which can operate independent of the local electric utility distribution system and provide electricity during a general power outage or declared energy or fuel supply emergency, including a natural disaster.

(b) "Cooling center" shall mean a public space where individuals may go to seek shelter from extreme hot weather, and which has been designated as such by the New York state department of health, by the New York city department of health, or by any local health department in this state.

(c) "Temporary emergency shelter" shall mean an emergency shelter established pursuant to section one hundred thirty-one-v of the social services law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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