

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring electric corporations to prioritize restoring services to police departments, fire departments, and ambulance services, when electric services are interrupted

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 73 to read as follows:

3 § 73. Prioritization of emergency services. 1. If an electric corpo-
4 ration is not able to restore electric power services to any police
5 department, fire department, or ambulance service within twenty-four
6 hours of the loss or interruption of such electric power services, such
7 electric corporation shall provide such police department, fire depart-
8 ment, and/or ambulance service with an alternate generated power source.

9 2. An electric corporation shall not increase charges to any rate
10 payers to cover any extra costs incurred by such electric corporation as
11 a result of compliance with subdivision one of this section.

12 3. For the purposes of this section, "alternate generated power
13 source" shall mean electric generating equipment that is of the capacity
14 that is capable of providing adequate electricity to operate all life
15 safety systems and the basic operations of a police department, fire
16 department, or ambulance service.

17 § 2. 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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