STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

August 11, 2020

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:

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

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

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

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

§ 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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