STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

August 12, 2020

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 the mobilization of the New York guard for certain power outages; and to amend the military law, in relation to requiring power outage restoration training for members of the New York guard

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. Power outages; mobilization of New York guard. 1. The governor is directed to mobilize the New York guard when any power outage occurs in this state where a total of twenty-five thousand or more customers remain without power in any geographic area of this state after twenty-four hours from the time the power outage first occurred.

2. The purpose and objective of the mobilization of the New York guard pursuant to this section shall be to restore and aid public utility corporations in this state in the restoration of power to homes and businesses. Such mobilization shall initially concentrate on the restoration of power in areas with a high concentration of overhead power lines as determined by the governor.

3. The commissioner shall require that the cost of training members of the New York guard to carry out the provisions of this section pursuant to section one hundred seventy-one of the military law be borne collectively by public utility corporations in this state.

§ 2. The military law is amended by adding a new section 171 to read as follows:

§ 171. Training; restoration of power. Each member of the New York guard shall be required to complete training in the restoration of power to homes and businesses, electrical power grid maintenance and tree removal for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section seventy-three of the public service law.

§ 3. 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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