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Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the Long Island Power Authority to prepare a semi-annual expenditure and lobbying report

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

Section 1. Sections 1020-kk and 1020-ll of the public authorities law, section 1020-kk as renumbered by chapter 520 of the laws of 2018 and section 1020-ll as renumbered by chapter 415 of the laws of 2017, are renumbered sections 1020-xx and 1020-yy and a new section 1020-kk is added to read as follows:

§ 1020-kk. Semi-annual expenditure and lobbying report. 1. On or before March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two and every semi-annual period thereafter, the authority and its service providers shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly regarding advertising and lobbying activities of the authority, the trustees of the authority, any employee of the authority or any service provider of the authority.

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

(a) Lobbying shall mean any attempt to influence:

(i) the passage or defeat of any legislation or resolution by either house of the state legislature including but not limited to the introduction or intended introduction of such legislation or resolution or approval or disapproval of any legislation;

(ii) the adoption, issuance, rescission, modification or terms of a gubernatorial executive order;

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

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(iii) the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law by a state agency;

(iv) the passage or defeat of any local law, ordinance, resolution, or regulation by any municipality;

(v) the adoption, issuance, rescission, modification or terms of any executive order issued by the chief executive officer of a municipality; and

(vi) the adoption or rejection of any rule, regulation, or resolution having the force and effect of a local law, ordinance, resolution or regulation.

(b) Advertising shall mean any promotional activity or public service announcement that requires the purchase of media space, including television airtime, radio airtime, internet media space, billboards, newspaper space, magazine space or any private publication which requires the expenditure of any public funds.

3. The authority and its service providers shall prepare separate reports to include the following information:

(a) For lobbying, such report shall include, but not be limited to: the name of the trustee, employee of the authority or service provider engaging in lobbying; the name of the public official or public employee that the trustee lobbied; the date and time of the meeting or communication; the subject matter discussed, and any expenses incurred by the authority or its service provider for travel, lodging, or meals in connection with such lobbying.

(b) For advertising, such report shall include, but not be limited to, itemization of any public funds spent on advertising and information pertaining to the advertising marketing plan including measurable goals and objectives for the advertising campaign.

§ 2. Section 1020-ll of the public authorities law, as renumbered by chapter 520 of the laws of 2018, is renumbered section 1020-zz.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.