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Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to police staffing at certain parks

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

Section 1. Section 3.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 to read as follows:

3. The commissioner shall provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public using facilities under its jurisdiction, which shall include ensuring a minimum staff of three hundred eighty-five permanently appointed, full time regional state park police officers at state parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites and concert venues. The number of regional state park police officers deployed to each region shall be equivalent to the percentage of each region's five year attendance average.

4. The commissioner shall not open a new state park, beach, campground, historic site or concert venue unless it submits a staffing plan to the legislature that demonstrates there is a sufficient number of regional state park police to provide adequate and appropriate delivery of police services to patrons visiting the new site.

5. The commissioner may redeploy regional state park police officers outside of their assigned region in the case of an emergency. Emergencies are defined as natural disasters, declared emergencies and mass casualty incidents.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year 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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