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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT establishing the New York state rural ambulance services task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. The office of fire prevention and control is hereby authorized to establish the New York state rural ambulance services task force to examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning New York state ambulance services in rural areas.

2. (a) Such task force shall be comprised of:

(i) two members appointed by the governor;

(ii) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(iii) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(iv) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(v) one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; and

(vi) two members appointed by the office of fire prevention and control.

(b) One of the appointments by the governor shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(c) The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their services.

(d) All departments, divisions, bureaus, commissions, districts or agencies of the state or any political subdivisions thereof shall, at the request of the chairperson, provide the task force with such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

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

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3. Such task force shall conduct a study on the unique challenges faced by New York state ambulance services in rural areas and possible long term solutions to such challenges. Such study shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(a) determining and assessing business models for ambulance services in rural areas throughout the state;

(b) assessing various methods to fund or otherwise raise capital for such services; and

(c) studying any other issue such task force deems relevant.

4. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the office of fire prevention and control shall submit a report detailing the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such effective date.