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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- 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 service law and the public authorities law, in relation to requiring electric corporations and the Long Island power authority service provider 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:

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 73 to read as follows:

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

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

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

17 § 2. Title 1-A of article 5 of the public authorities law, as added by
18 chapter 517 of the laws of 1986, is amended by adding a new section
19 1020-mm to read as follows:

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

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1 § 1020-mm. Prioritization of emergency services. 1. If the service
2 provider is not able to restore electric power services to any police
3 department, fire department, or ambulance service within twenty-four
4 hours of the loss or interruption of such electric power services, the
5 service provider shall provide such police department, fire department,
6 and/or ambulance service with an alternate generated power source.

7 2. The service provider shall not increase charges to any rate payers
8 to cover any extra costs incurred by the service provider as a result of
9 compliance with subdivision one of this section.

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

15 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.