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AN ACT to amend the public service law, the public authorities law and the executive 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-a to read as follows:

3 § 73-a. 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 which has a facility
6 that is prewired with an appropriate transfer switch for using an alter-
7 nate generated power source within twenty-four hours of the loss or
8 interruption of such electric power services, such electric corporation
9 shall notify the local county office of emergency management which shall
10 provide for emergency deployment of alternate generated power sources
11 through a program administered by the division of homeland security and
12 emergency services to such police department, fire department, and/or
13 ambulance service with an alternate generated power source.

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

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

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

9 4. This section shall only apply to police departments, fire depart-
10 ments, or ambulance services who are registered with the division of
11 homeland security and emergency services pursuant to article twenty-six
12 of the executive law.

13 § 2. Title 1-A of article 5 of the public authorities law, as added by
14 chapter 517 of the laws of 1986, is amended by adding a new section
15 1020-mm to read as follows:

16 § 1020-mm. Prioritization of emergency services. 1. If the service
17 provider is not able to restore electric power services to any police
18 department, fire department, or ambulance service which has a
19 facility that is prewired with an appropriate transfer switch for using
20 an alternate generated power source within twenty-four hours of the loss
21 or interruption of such electric power services, the service provider
22 shall notify the local county office of emergency management which shall
23 provide for emergency deployment of alternate generated power sources
24 through a program administered by the division of homeland security and
25 emergency services to such police department, fire department, and/or
26 ambulance service with an alternate generated power source.

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

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

35 4. This section shall only apply to police departments, fire depart-
36 ments, or ambulance services who are registered with the division of
37 homeland security and emergency services pursuant to article twenty-six
38 of the executive law.

39 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 709 of the executive law is amended by
40 adding a new paragraph (v) to read as follows:

41 (v) develop a program to make electric generating equipment owned or
42 leased by the state available to county offices of emergency management
43 pursuant to section seventy-three-a of the public service law.

44 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.