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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Governmental 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

6 (i) two members appointed by the governor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 3. Such task force shall conduct a study on the unique challenges  
24 faced by New York state ambulance services in rural areas and possible

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

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1 long term solutions to such challenges. Such study shall include, but  
2 not be limited to the following:

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

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

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

8 4. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the office  
9 of fire prevention and control shall submit a report detailing the find-  
10 ings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the  
11 senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

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