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Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH, DICKENS, GRIFFIN, SIMON, GALEF, BUTTENS-CHON, MONTESANO, SEAWRIGHT, DeSTEFANO, GOTTFRIED, OTIS, THIELE, SANTA-BARBARA, TAGUE, LAWLER, RA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DURSO, B. MILLER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.