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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to audits by the Long Island power authority

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (bb) of section 1020-f of the public authorities law, as amended by section 7 of part A of chapter 173 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department of public service shall notify the authority that said department is in the process of initiating a comprehensive management and operations audit as described in paragraph one of this subdivision in a manner that ensures the timeliness of such audit, and in accordance with the following timeframe: the first comprehensive management and operations audit shall be initiated as of the effective date of chapter eight of the laws of two thousand twelve and undertaken in a manner and to an extent that is practicable in the context of the authority's transition to a new management service structure; the second comprehensive management and operations audit shall be initiated no later than December fifteenth, two thousand sixteen; and all additional comprehensive management and operations audits shall be initiated at least once every [~~five~~] **three** years thereafter. Within a reasonable time after such notification to the authority, said department or the independent auditor retained by the authority to undertake such audit shall hold public statement hearings, with proper notice, in both Nassau and Suffolk counties for the purpose of receiving both oral and written comments from the public on matters related to such audit as described in paragraph one of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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