

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 11, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the activation of 2-1-1 New York state upon declaration of a state disaster emergency

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 21 of the executive law, as
2 amended by chapter 116 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. There is hereby created in the executive department a disaster
5 preparedness commission consisting of the commissioners of transporta-
6 tion, health, division of criminal justice services, education, economic
7 development, agriculture and markets, housing and community renewal,
8 general services, labor, environmental conservation, mental health,
9 addiction services and supports, parks, recreation and historic preser-
10 vation, corrections and community supervision, children and family
11 services, homeland security and emergency services, and people with
12 developmental disabilities, the president of the New York state energy
13 research and development authority, the superintendents of state police
14 and financial services, the secretary of state, the state fire adminis-
15 trator, the chair of the public service commission, the adjutant gener-
16 al, the office of information technology services, and the office of
17 victim services, the chairs of the thruway authority, the office for the
18 aging, the metropolitan transportation authority, the port authority of
19 New York and New Jersey, the chief professional officer of the state
20 coordinating chapter of the American Red Cross, the chief professional
21 officer of 2-1-1 New York state and three additional members, to be
22 appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be chief executives. Each
23 member agency may designate an executive level officer of that agency,
24 with responsibility for disaster preparedness matters, who may represent
25 that agency on the commission. The commissioner of the division of
26 homeland security and emergency services shall serve as chair of the
27 commission, and the governor shall designate the vice chair of the

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

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commission. The members of the commission, except those who serve ex officio, shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this article but shall receive no additional compensation for services rendered pursuant to this article.

§ 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 28-b to read as follows:

§ 28-b. Activation of 2-1-1 New York state; state disaster emergency.

1. Whenever a state disaster emergency has been declared in any county, city, town, or village by the governor, the declaration shall activate 2-1-1 New York state to respond to non-emergency requests for assistance. The disaster preparedness commission, in carrying out the disaster declaration, shall coordinate with 2-1-1 New York state and local emergency management offices. 2-1-1 New York state shall act as a public information point for information, in coordination with emergency management professionals.

2. The governor may also activate 2-1-1 New York state upon the threat or occurrence of a disaster.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.