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:

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

1. There is hereby created in the executive department a disaster preparedness commission consisting of the commissioners of transportation, health, division of criminal justice services, education, economic development, agriculture and markets, housing and community renewal, general services, labor, environmental conservation, mental health, addiction services and supports, parks, recreation and historic preservation, corrections and community supervision, children and family services, homeland security and emergency services, and people with developmental disabilities, the president of the New York state energy research and development authority, the superintendents of state police and financial services, the secretary of state, the state fire administrator, the chair of the public service commission, the adjutant general, the office of information technology services, and the office of victim services, the chairs of the thruway authority, the office for the aging, the metropolitan transportation authority, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the chief professional officer of the state coordinating chapter of the American Red Cross**, the chief professional officer of 2-1-1 New York state** and three additional members, to be appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be chief executives. Each member agency may designate an executive level officer of that agency, with responsibility for disaster preparedness matters, who may represent that agency on the commission. The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall serve as chair of the 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.