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Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public service law and the public authorities law, in relation to defining medical needs for essential electricity and to require certain service providers' emergency response plans to include outreach plans for customers who have documented their need for essential electricity for medical needs

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 21 of section 66 of the public service law, as added by section 4 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) identification of and outreach plans to customers who had documented their need for essential electricity for medical needs**, which shall include but not be limited to, apnea monitors for infants, cuirass respirators, hemodialysis machines, IV feeding machines, IV medical infusion machines, oxygen concentrators, positive pressure respirators, respirator/ventilators, rocking bed respirators, suction machines, tank type respirators, as well as any medical equipment or equipment necessary for an individual whose diagnosis is likely to be significantly triggered or significantly exacerbated by a continued loss of power that will adversely impact that individual's health**;

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

1. The service provider shall, in consultation with the authority, prepare and maintain an emergency response plan (i) to assure the

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

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reasonably prompt restoration of service in the case of an emergency event, defined for purposes of this subdivision as an event where widespread outages have occurred in the authority's service territory due to a storm or other causes beyond the control of the authority and the service provider, (ii) consistent with the requirements of paragraph (a) of subdivision twenty-one of section sixty-six of the public service law and any regulations and orders adopted thereto, and (iii) establishing the separate responsibilities of the authority and service provider. **Such emergency response plan shall include identification of and outreach plans for customers who have documented their need for essential electricity for medical needs, which shall include but not be limited to, apnea monitors for infants, cuirass respirators, hemodialysis machines, intravenous feeding machines, intravenous medical infusion machines, oxygen concentrators, positive pressure respirators, respirators/ventilators, rocking bed respirators, suction machines, tank type respirators, as well as any medical equipment or equipment necessary for an individual whose diagnosis is likely to be significantly triggered or significantly exacerbated by a continued loss of power that will adversely impact that individual's health.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.