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Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs,
Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in
relation to police staffing at certain parks

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

1 Section 1. Section 3.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preser-
2 vation law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 to
3 read as follows:

4 3. The commissioner shall provide for the health, safety and welfare
5 of the public using facilities under its jurisdiction, which shall
6 include ensuring a minimum staff of three hundred eighty-five permanent-
7 ly appointed, full time regional state park police officers at state
8 parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites and concert venues. The
9 number of regional state park police officers deployed to each region
10 shall be equivalent to the percentage of each region's five year attend-
11 ance average.

12 4. The commissioner shall not open a new state park, beach, camp-
13 ground, historic site or concert venue unless it submits a staffing plan
14 to the legislature that demonstrates there is a sufficient number of
15 regional state park police to provide adequate and appropriate delivery
16 of police services to patrons visiting the new site.

17 5. The commissioner may redeploy regional state park police officers
18 outside of their assigned region in the case of an emergency. Emergen-
19 cies are defined as natural disasters, declared emergencies and mass
20 casualty incidents.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
22 law.

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

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