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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- 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 including extreme winter weather preparedness in local comprehensive emergency management plans

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 20 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

a. "disaster" means occurrence or imminent, impending or urgent threat of wide spread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made causes, including, but not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, **extreme winter weather,** tornado, high water, landslide, mudslide, wind, storm, wave action, volcanic activity, epidemic, disease outbreak, air contamination, terrorism, cyber event, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, radiological accident, nuclear, chemical, biological, or bacteriological release, water contamination, bridge failure or bridge collapse.

§ 2. Section 23 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. Such plans shall additionally include, but not be limited to, the following regarding extreme winter weather:

a. evacuation plans and sheltering-in-place plans in the case of extreme winter weather, such plans should include how to deal with transit networks, utilities, and community warming centers; and

b. an annual inventory of the municipality's extreme winter weather equipment, such inventory shall include the age and condition of such equipment.

§ 3. 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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