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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the establishment of a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 156-i to read as follows:

§ 156-i. Establishment of a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program. 1. The state fire administrator shall establish a specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program for individuals responsible for providing emergency response recovery following incidents involving electric vehicles. The state fire administrator shall inform all fire companies, municipal corporations and districts, including agencies and departments thereof and all firefighters, both paid and volunteer, and related officers and employees, police officers, and emergency medical services agencies of the implementation and availability of the specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program and shall, subject to the availability of an appropriation, conduct such training with sufficient frequency to ensure adequate response to incidents involving electric vehicles and protection of responders in all geographic areas of the state.

2. The state fire administrator shall prescribe the curriculum of the specialized electric vehicle emergency response training program, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, hands-on training.

3. The state fire administrator is hereby directed to issue a report to the governor, speaker of the assembly, temporary president of the senate, chairman of the assembly transportation committee and the chairman of the senate transportation committee by February fifteenth of each year on the operations of the program set forth in this section.

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

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4. The state fire administrator shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

5. For the purposes of this section, the term "emergency medical services agency" shall mean an agency that provides initial emergency medical services including, but not limited to, the treatment of trauma, burns, respiratory, circulatory and obstetrical emergencies, as defined in section three thousand one of the public health law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.