

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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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 adding hazardous air quality to the state definition of a disaster and including air quality emergency preparedness in local comprehensive emergency management plans

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

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

4 a. "disaster" means occurrence or imminent, impending or urgent threat
5 of wide spread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property
6 resulting from any natural or man-made causes, including, but not limit-
7 ed to, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, high water, land-
8 slide, mudslide, wind, storm, wave action, volcanic activity, epidemic,
9 disease outbreak, air contamination, hazardous air quality, terrorism,
10 cyber event, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, radiological acci-
11 dent, nuclear, chemical, biological, or bacteriological release, water
12 contamination, bridge failure or bridge collapse.

13 § 2. Section 23 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdi-
14 vision 8 to read as follows:

15 8. Such plans shall additionally include, but not be limited to, the
16 following regarding air quality emergencies:

17 a. an action plan for the municipality in the case of an air quality
18 emergency; and

19 b. an annual inventory of the municipality's air quality emergency
20 resources.

21 § 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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