

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. E. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT directing the Long Island rail road commuter's council study technologies which would allow seamless communication between fire departments and the Long Island rail road; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known as the "Fire department and Long Island rail road communication enhancement act".

2 § 2. The Long Island rail road commuter's council is directed to study  
3 emerging technologies which would allow seamless communication between  
4 fire departments and the Long Island rail road. Such study shall  
5 include, but not be limited to:

6 (a) assessing technological solutions and communication protocols that  
7 enable real-time communication between fire departments and the Long  
8 Island rail road;

9 (b) examine potential methods for fire departments to notify train  
10 conductors promptly in the event of an emergency requiring such dispatch  
11 of a fire truck, ensuring a conductor receives notice to halt the train;

12 (c) examine the feasibility of implementing a system that enables  
13 train conductors to receive alerts from fire departments allowing such  
14 conductor to temporarily halt trains at the preceding station for a  
15 specified period, facilitating unobstructed emergency response;

16 (d) considering the impact of such technological solutions on train  
17 schedules, passenger safety, and emergency response efficiency; and

18 (e) engaging with relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited  
19 to, fire department officials, transportation experts, and emergency  
20 response professionals, to ensure a comprehensive evaluation.

21 § 3. The Long Island rail road commuter's council shall make a report  
22 to the Metropolitan transportation authority of its findings, conclusions,  
23 and recommendations no later than twelve months after the effective  
24 date of this act. Such report shall include an outline of its findings,  
25 recommendations, and proposed technological solutions for  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 implementing effective communication mechanisms between fire departments  
2 and the Long Island rail road. Further, such report shall include a  
3 cost-benefit analysis, potential challenges, and proposed timeline for  
4 such implementation of the recommended solutions.  
5 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
6 deemed repealed twelve months after it shall have become a law.