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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to allowing a county to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement to provide joint emergency medical services

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

Section 1. Section 122-b of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. Any county may enter into a municipal cooperative agreement, subject to the provisions of article five-G of this chapter, with any municipal corporation, fire district, fire protection district, fire alarm district, ambulance district, or not-for-profit ambulance service within the county, in order to finance and provide an emergency medical service, a general ambulance service or a combination of such services, as a joint service, pursuant to this section, and subject to the restrictions of subdivision four of section two hundred nine-b of this chapter. Pursuant to the municipal cooperative agreement, any county may contract with one or more individuals, associations, or other organizations to implement the municipal cooperative agreement authorized by this subdivision. The expenses of providing such joint service shall be assessed, levied and collected from all lots and parcels of land within the county which receive such joint service provided, however, that such charges shall not be assessed on any lot or parcel that receives emergency medical service, general ambulance service or a combination of such services from a municipal corporation, fire district, fire protection district or ambulance district that is not a party to the municipal cooperative agreement. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as mandating the participation of any existing municipal corporation, fire district, fire protection district, ambulance

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

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district, or not-for-profit ambulance service which currently provides such services. Emergency medical services provided for pursuant to this subdivision shall be deemed essential services.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.