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Introduced by Sen. SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to mandating the development and approval of operational safety plans

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

Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new section 3.16 to read as follows:

§ 3.16 Operational safety plans. 1. The office shall develop and approve operational safety plans prior to the deployment of any employee in hazardous conditions. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, a comprehensive risk assessment identifying potential hazards associated with the deployment, mitigation measures to address identified risks, detailed information on team composition including roles and responsibilities, identification of an on-site authorized person responsible for overseeing operations, a clear chain of command for decision-making during the deployment, emergency contact information for all team members, and evacuation procedures tailored to the specific deployment scenario. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall review and approve all operational safety plans to ensure compliance with established safety standards, verify that the employees being deployed are adequately trained for their roles, and confirm that the operation is essential under hazardous conditions.

2. For the purposes of this section, "hazardous conditions" shall mean any situation that poses a significant risk to the health and safety of personnel, including but not limited to natural disasters, extreme weather, and other emergency situations.

§ 2. 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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