

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 3, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorities and responsibilities during disaster emergencies and in relation to establishing the international emergency management assistance compact

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 29-b of the executive law, as
2 amended by section 7 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 1. State use of disaster emergency response personnel and non-state
5 resource providers. a. The governor may, in [~~his or her~~] their
6 discretion, direct the state disaster preparedness commission to conduct
7 an emergency exercise or drill, under its direction, in which all or any
8 of the personnel and resources of the agencies of the commission of the
9 state may be utilized to perform the duties assigned to them in a disaster,
10 for the purpose of protecting and preserving human life or property
11 in a disaster. During a disaster or such drill or exercise, disaster
12 emergency response personnel in the state shall operate under the direction
13 and command of the chair of such commission, and shall possess the
14 same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as are applicable
15 in a civil defense drill held at the direction of the state civil
16 defense commission under the provisions of the New York state defense
17 emergency act.

18 b. The governor may deploy non-state resource providers to another
19 compact member jurisdiction under any compact in this article. When
20 authorized to provide assistance and deployed by the legally designated
21 state official or officials, non-state resource providers shall be
22 deemed agents of the state for purposes of the deployment and shall be
23 entitled to the rights and benefits provided to state resource providers
24 by the compact, subject to any terms and conditions of the requesting
25 state. Non-state resource providers shall not offer assistance to, or
26 request assistance from, another compact member jurisdiction. The division
27 of homeland security and emergency services shall serve as the

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

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1 coordinator for offers and requests for assistance and facilitator of
2 the reimbursement of non-state resource providers by the requesting
3 state. The division of homeland security and emergency services shall
4 not be responsible for reimbursement until the division receives payment
5 from the requesting compact member jurisdiction.

6 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 29-k to read
7 as follows:

8 § 29-k. Northern emergency management assistance compact. Notwith-
9 standing any other law, the state, through the governor, may enter the
10 northern emergency management assistance compact (P.L. 112-282, ratified
11 by Congress on January fourteenth, two thousand thirteen). Such compact
12 shall be deemed ratified by the legislature upon the governor's certif-
13 ication to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the
14 assembly, and the secretary of state, that New York has entered into the
15 compact.

16 § 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 29-l to read
17 as follows:

18 § 29-l. International Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
19 Notwithstanding any other law, the state, through the governor, may
20 enter the compact established by the emergency management assistance
21 memorandum of understanding (executed on July eighteenth, two thousand
22 by the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode
23 Island, and Vermont and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick,
24 Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec) at the
25 twenty-fifth conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
26 Premiers, as authorized by Article II(j) of the Agreement between the
27 Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on Cooper-
28 ation in Comprehensive Emergency Planning and Management renewed on
29 December second, nineteen ninety-eight. Such compact shall be deemed
30 ratified by the legislature upon the governor's certification to the
31 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the
32 secretary of state, that New York has entered into the compact.

33 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.