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Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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:

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

a. "disaster" means occurrence or imminent, impending or urgent threat of wide spread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or [~~man-made~~] **human-made** causes, including, but not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, high water, landslide, mudslide, wind, storm, wave action, volcanic activity, epidemic, disease outbreak, air contamination, **hazardous air quality,** terrorism, cyber event, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, radiological accident, nuclear, chemical, biological, or bacteriological release, water contamination, bridge failure or bridge collapse.

§ 2. Section 23 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

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

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

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

§ 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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