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Introduced by M. of A. OTIS, BUTTENSCHON, CLARK, LUPARDO, SANTABARBARA, EACHUS, LEVENBERG, KELLES, BENDETT, LUNSFORD, BURDICK, MAHER, SIMPSON, ANGELINO, SHIMSKY, BARRETT, GLICK, BLUMENCRANZ, DeSTEFANO, REYES, JACOBSON, STECK, SEAWRIGHT, GRAY, BLANKENBUSH, GALLAHAN, McDONALD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DAVILA, WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to directing counties to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans

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. (a) Each county, in coordination with their regional emergency medical services council, shall convene meetings and a planning process with cities, towns, and villages within their jurisdiction for the purpose of developing and maintaining a comprehensive county emergency medical system plan that shall describe how coordinated and reliable emergency medical services within the county would be provided for all residents within the county. The planning process shall include assessment of the existing level of emergency medical services in each area of the county, a plan to increase or provide service where additional service is needed, a determination as to what organizational structure will be utilized to provide service in each area of the county, and cost estimates to provide service in areas requiring service levels greater than currently available. The goal of this process is to provide a framework to assist state and local decision makers in achieving the objective of ensuring that reliable emergency medical services and ambulance services are made available to every person in the state.

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

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(b) In developing the comprehensive county emergency medical system plan, each county, city, town, and village shall work together to specify which entity or entities, and which organizational structure will be utilized for providing emergency medical services and how costs for providing such services will be assigned. Such plan may utilize municipal, intermunicipal, not-for-profit or for-profit contract coverage, special district, or regional agreements for providing service in each area of the county.

(c) Comprehensive county emergency medical system plans shall be completed within six months of the effective date of this section and submitted to the department of health and the state emergency medical services council for review, and comment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.