

NYSEMA Conference

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
2018



Assembly – 1741 (2017) Same as S1519

- Sponsor – Skoufis
- 1/12/17 – Referred to Gov't Ops.
- 3/3/17 – Amend and Recommit
- 3/3/17 – Print number 1741a
- 1/3/18 – Referred to Gov't Ops.
- Enacts the “Natural Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Act” providing for enhanced disaster preparedness and recovery from disasters.

Assembly - 4140

- Sponsor – Crespo
- 2/1/17 – Referred to Gov't Ops.
- 10/23/17 – Signed Chap. 381
- Enables the Public Service commission along with DHSES to conduct a study on feasibility of implementing an emergency alert notification system requiring alerts to be displayed while using video streaming services.

Assembly - 4196

- Sponsor – Magee
- 2/1/17 – Referred to Gov't Ops
- 1/3/18 – Referred to Gov't Ops
- Establishes a supplemental state disaster aid program within NYS to aid municipalities, residents and businesses that were otherwise denied assistance from the Federal Gov't.

Assembly – 6549A

- Sponsor – Cusick
- 3/9/17 – Referred to Gov't Ops
- 10/23/18 – Signed Chap. 385
- Addition of cities of 1 million or more to include hospice and home care agencies as agencies whose “advice and assistance” is taken into account in preparing CEMPs.

CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule

- Effective Nov. 15, 2017:
- Requires each provider/supplier to have its own Emergency Preparedness plans
 - Risk assessment and Emergency planning
 - Communication plan
 - Training and testing
- Must be in compliance in order to participate in Medicare or Medicaid program.
- Now includes Hospice, Long-Term Care and Home Health Facilities.

Assembly - 6865

- Sponsor – Weprin
- 3/22/17 – Referred to Gov't Operations
- 1/3/18 – Died in Senate, Returned to Assembly and Ordered to Third Reading
- Requires counties to maintain a confidential registry of people of all ages with disabilities for the purpose of evacuating and sheltering.

Assembly - 7713

- Sponsor – Peoples-Stokes
- 1/3/18 – Referred to Codes
- Allows NYS to formalize membership into Northern Emergency Management Assistance (NEMA) Compact which would allow NYS to request and provide assistance from/to the Canadian Provinces during declared disasters.

Public Safety Communications Surcharge

- Part EEE of Chapter 50 of Laws of 2017:
- Changes to Tax Law (effective Dec. 1, 2017) impose a state surcharge on sale of pre-paid wireless devices. Counties had the option of imposing a surcharge as well.
- Also amended the law regarding surcharge on postpaid wireless devices.
 - All surcharges, state and local, are collected by the tax department and any local portion is to be remitted similar to sales tax.

QUESTIONS ?

Thank you!

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