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SYNOPSIS

Requires electric public utilities to disseminate through social media and text message certain information during power outages.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning electric public utilities and social media and
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. An electric public utility shall develop and establish a
8 plan to disseminate, through any Internet-based social media
9 account and text message alert service voluntarily maintained by the
10 electric public utility, information concerning the location of
11 warming centers, electronic communication device charging
12 stations, and the availability of potable water and ice to the public
13 from the electric public utility during power outages. The
14 information shall include, but not be limited to:

15 (1) the address of each warming center and the dates and hours
16 of operation;

17 (2) the address of each electronic communication device
18 charging station and the dates and hours of operation;

19 (3) the address of each location where potable water and ice will
20 be available to the public; and

21 (4) the dates and hours potable water and ice will be available to
22 the public.

23 b. The Office of Emergency Management, the Division of State
24 Police, and any other appropriate State, county, or municipal entity
25 may, on their respective Internet-based social media accounts or
26 websites, disseminate information made available by electric public
27 utilities pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires an electric public utility to develop and
35 establish a plan to disseminate, through Internet-based social media
36 accounts and text message alert services voluntarily maintained by
37 the electric public utility, information concerning the location of
38 warming centers, electronic communication device charging
39 stations, and the availability of potable water and ice to the public
40 from the electric public utility during power outages. The
41 information is to include, but not be limited to: 1) the address of
42 each warming center and the dates and hours of operation; 2) the
43 address of each electronic communication device charging station
44 and the dates and hours of operation; 3) the address of each location
45 where potable water and ice will be available to the public; and 4)
46 the dates and hours potable water and ice will be available to the

1 public. The Office of Emergency Management, the Division of
2 State Police, and any other appropriate State, county, or municipal
3 entity may, on their respective Internet-based social media accounts
4 or websites, disseminate the information concerning potable water
5 and ice pursuant to this bill.