



A.5193-A (BRODSKY, ET AL.) S.4598-A (STEWART-COUSINS)

Summary

This bill would direct the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to determine the fiscal burden on state and local governments to maintain preparedness for radiological emergencies at nuclear electric generating facilities. The legislation would establish a fund, consisting of fees paid by the licensed owners of the nuclear generating facilities, which would reimburse such neighboring public entities for the expense of being prepared for nuclear accidents.

Explanation

Local governments and other public entities, including fire departments, school districts and district corporations bear much of the cost of developing and implementing the emergency preparedness plans for New York State's six operating nuclear reactors. Preparedness includes tasks such as creating evacuation plans, training personnel, and installing and maintaining equipment to measure radiation.

This legislation would require the operators of nuclear facilities to pay fees to cover the total costs of maintaining emergency preparedness, as determined by the PSC.

A nuclear plant creates unique risks and responsibilities for host communities. Nuclear electric generators should be financially responsible for any efforts required to ensure public health and safety in the event of accidents at their facilities.

Environmental Advocates of New York supports this bill.

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