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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law and the general business law, in relation to providing new telephone numbers without charge for certain victims of domestic violence

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 91 of the public service law, as
2 added by chapter 327 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
3 7. Every local exchange telephone corporation, as defined in this
4 chapter shall, [at its option] EITHER: (a) allow a customer to use a
5 modified or alternative name for a directory listing or (b) waive the
6 otherwise applicable charges for a non-published telephone listing,
7 where the customer requests protection of its identity in connection
8 with the customer's purchase of telephone service and the customer is a
9 victim of domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-
10 nine-a of the social services law, and for whose benefit any order of
11 protection, other than a temporary order of protection, has been issued
12 by a court of competent jurisdiction. This waiver of charges shall be
13 for the duration of the applicable, non-temporary, order. Any non-pub-
14 lished listings provided in this subdivision shall conform to all the
15 same requirements of other non-published listings. A customer requesting
16 such an accommodation shall provide a copy of the order of protection to
17 the applicable telephone provider. ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTING AN ACCOMMO-
18 DATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL, AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER,
19 BE GIVEN A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE REQUEST FOR
20 SUCH ACCOMMODATION.
21 S 2. Section 399-yy of the general business law, as added by chapter
22 327 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 S 399-yy. Cable television company providing telephone services. Every
2 cable television company, as defined in section two hundred twelve of
3 the public service law, that provides telephone service to customers in
4 New York shall, [at its option] EITHER: a. allow a customer to use a
5 modified or alternative name for a directory listing or b. waive the
6 otherwise applicable charges for a non-published telephone listing,
7 where the customer requests protection of its identity in connection
8 with the customer's purchase of telephone service and the customer is a
9 victim of domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-
10 nine-a of the social services law, and for whose benefit any order of
11 protection, other than a temporary order of protection, has been issued
12 by a court of competent jurisdiction. This waiver of charges shall be
13 for the duration of the applicable, non-temporary, order. Any non-publ-
14 ished listings provided in this section shall conform to all the same
15 requirements of other non-published listings. A customer requesting such
16 an accommodation shall provide a copy of the order of protection to the
17 applicable telephone provider. ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTING AN ACCOMMODATION
18 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SHALL, AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER, BE GIVEN A
19 NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE REQUEST FOR SUCH
20 ACCOMMODATION.

21 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.