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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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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: (a) allow a customer to use a modified or
5 alternative name for a directory listing or (b) waive the otherwise
6 applicable charges for a non-published telephone listing, where the
7 customer requests protection of its identity in connection with the
8 customer's purchase of telephone service and the customer is a victim of
9 domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of
10 the social services law, and for whose benefit any order of protection,
11 other than a temporary order of protection, has been issued by a court
12 of competent jurisdiction. This waiver of charges shall be for the dura-
13 tion of the applicable, non-temporary, order. Any non-published listings
14 provided in this subdivision shall conform to all the same requirements
15 of other non-published listings. A customer requesting such an accommo-
16 dation shall provide a copy of the order of protection to the applicable
17 telephone [provider] CORPORATION. ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTING AN ACCOMMO-
18 DATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION MAY ALSO REQUEST AND SHALL BE
19 PROVIDED, AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER, A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN
20 FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE REQUEST FOR 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: a. allow a customer to use a modified or
5 alternative name for a directory listing or b. waive the otherwise
6 applicable charges for a non-published telephone listing, where the
7 customer requests protection of its identity in connection with the
8 customer's purchase of telephone service and the customer is a victim of
9 domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of
10 the social services law, and for whose benefit any order of protection,
11 other than a temporary order of protection, has been issued by a court
12 of competent jurisdiction. This waiver of charges shall be for the dura-
13 tion of the applicable, non-temporary, order. Any non-published listings
14 provided in this section shall conform to all the same requirements of
15 other non-published listings. A customer requesting such an accommo-
16 dation shall provide a copy of the order of protection to the applicable
17 [telephone provider] CABLE TELEVISION COMPANY. ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTING
18 AN ACCOMMODATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY ALSO REQUEST AND SHALL BE
19 PROVIDED, AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER, A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN
20 FIFTEEN DAYS FROM THE REQUEST FOR SUCH ACCOMMODATION.

21 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.