

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 13, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to Internet access and communications for municipalities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 99-x to read as follows:

3 § 99-x. Internet access and communications. The governing body of any
4 county, city, town or village is hereby authorized and empowered to
5 establish, construct, and maintain broadband and related telecommuni-
6 cations infrastructure, or to contract for the construction and mainte-
7 nance of such services with a corporation, and for the maintenance,
8 care, and replacement of infrastructure in connection therewith, if such
9 governing body finds that such facilities are necessary to make avail-
10 able Internet access and related services that are not and will not be
11 available through other providers or the private market in the reason-
12 ably foreseeable future.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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