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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to certain requirements for telecommunications system contracts

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 109-e to read as follows:

§ 109-e. Telecommunications system requirements. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Coverage" shall mean that there are no dropped calls due to lack of cellular service or there are no areas where cellular service is compromised and/or unavailable.

(b) "Telecommunications system" shall mean all facilities owned, operated or used by a telecommunications systems company to provide services located within the boundaries of the state, authority or municipality.

(c) "Voice service" shall mean any service that is interconnected with the public switched telephone network and that furnishes voice communications to an end user using resources from the North American Numbering Plan or any successor to the North American Numbering Plan adopted by the public service commission under section 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1)); and includes:

(i) transmissions from a telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to a telephone facsimile machine; and

(ii) without limitation, any service that enables real-time, two-way voice communications, including any service that requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment and permits out-bound calling, whether or not the service is one-way or two-way voice over internet protocol.

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

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2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where a land lease agreement between a telecommunications systems company and municipality provides for the operation of a telecommunications system, such telecommunications systems company's voice service shall provide coverage of emergency 911.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.