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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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, in relation to requiring a study on the height of overhead utility lines and communication lines as such relate to the height of agricultural equipment and other heavy duty equipment; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 28 to read as follows:

3 § 28. Study on the height of overhead utility lines and communication
4 lines; agricultural equipment. 1. The chairperson of the public service
5 commission is hereby authorized and directed to study the implementation
6 of this chapter of law in regard to the height of overhead communication
7 lines or cables including but not limited to telegraph lines and tele-
8 phone lines, and any other overhead utility line or cable the chair-
9 person deems necessary to complete such study.

10 2. The study shall include, but not be limited to examining:

11 a. the use of and compliance with the national electric safety code
12 line height standard;

13 b. instances of vehicles, including but not limited to agricultural
14 equipment and any other off-road heavy duty equipment, coming into
15 contact with communication lines, utility lines and any other overhead
16 line or cable; and

17 c. whether such national electric safety code line height standard is
18 sufficient with the increased size of agricultural equipment and other
19 off-road heavy duty equipment to ensure safe passage of such equipment
20 under such lines or cables.

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

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1 3. The study conducted pursuant to this section shall be completed and
2 a report on such study shall be submitted to the governor and the legis-
3 lature no later than one year after the effective date of this section.
4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
5 deemed repealed January 1, 2028.