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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:

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

§ 28. Study on the height of overhead utility lines and communication lines; agricultural equipment. 1. The chairperson of the public service commission is hereby authorized and directed to study the implementation of this chapter of law in regard to the height of overhead communication lines or cables including but not limited to telegraph lines and telephone lines, and any other overhead utility line or cable the chairperson deems necessary to complete such study.

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

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

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

c. whether such national electric safety code line height standard is sufficient with the increased size of agricultural equipment and other off-road heavy duty equipment to ensure safe passage of such equipment 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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3. The study conducted pursuant to this section shall be completed and a report on such study shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature no later than one year after the effective date of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2028.