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

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to allowing the county of Tompkins to increase the surcharge on access lines from thirty-five cents to one dollar

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The county law is amended by adding a new section 303-a to
2 read as follows:

3 S 303-A. COUNTY OF TOMPKINS SURCHARGE FOR SYSTEM COSTS. 1. NOTWITH-
4 STANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COUNTY OF TOMP-
5 KINS, ACTING THROUGH ITS BOARD, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO
6 ADOPT, AMEND OR REPEAL LOCAL LAWS TO IMPOSE A SURCHARGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT
7 TO EXCEED ONE DOLLAR PER ACCESS LINE PER MONTH ON THE CUSTOMERS OF EVERY
8 SERVICE SUPPLIER WITHIN THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS TO PAY FOR THE COSTS
9 ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE TELECOMMUNI-
10 CATION EQUIPMENT AND TELEPHONE SERVICES NEEDED TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED
11 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS.

12 2. ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW SHALL STATE THE AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE, THE
13 DATE ON WHICH THE SERVICE SUPPLIER SHALL BEGIN TO ADD SUCH SURCHARGE TO
14 THE BILLINGS OF ITS CUSTOMERS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DATE
15 ON WHICH SUCH E911 SERVICE IS TO BEGIN. SUCH LOCAL LAW MAY AUTHORIZE THE
16 SERVICE SUPPLIER TO BEGIN BILLING ITS CUSTOMERS FOR SUCH SURCHARGE PRIOR
17 TO THE DATE THE E911 SYSTEM SERVICE IS TO BEGIN.

18 3. ANY SERVICE SUPPLIER WITHIN THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS WHICH HAS
19 IMPOSED A SURCHARGE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE
20 GIVEN A MINIMUM OF FORTY-FIVE DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE PRIOR TO THE DATE IT
21 SHALL BEGIN TO ADD SUCH SURCHARGE TO THE BILLINGS OF ITS CUSTOMERS OR
22 PRIOR TO ANY MODIFICATION TO OR CHANGE IN THE SURCHARGE AMOUNT.

23 S 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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