S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

8923

2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

June 16, 2009

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:

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

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

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

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

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD14319-01-9