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2009-2010 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 27, 2009

Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- 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 rates charged volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies

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

Section 1. Section 76 of the public service law, as amended by chapter 82 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

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76. Rates charged veteran organizations, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANIES, religious bodies and community residences. No gas corporation, electric corporation or municipality shall, directly or indirectly, charge, demand, collect or receive from any post or hall owned or leased by a not-for-profit corporation that is a veterans' organization, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY corporation or association organized and conducted in good faith for religious purposes, including the operation by such corporation or association of a school, notwithstanding that secular subjects are taught at such school, or from a community residence as defined in subdivision twenty-eight, twenty-eight-a or twenty-eight-b of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, provided, however, that such residence shall be operated by a not-for-profit corporation and if supervisory staff is on site on a twenty-four hour per day basis, that the residence provides living accommodations for fourteen or fewer residents, a rate, regardless of the type of service offered, for any gas or electric service utilized exclusively in connection with such veteran organization, VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANY or for such religious purposes or utilized exclusively at such community residence greater than the rates or charges charged, demanded, collected or received by such gas corporation, electric corporation or municipality

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

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from domestic consumers receiving single-phase service within the same village, town or municipality.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall 2

3 have become a law.