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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. N. Rivera) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the public service law and the general business law relating to providing for unlisted telephone numbers without charge for certain victims of domestic violence, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5615-A and A.6509-B, in relation to authorizing and directing the New York state office of children and family services and the New York state department of public service to assist the New York state office for prevention of domestic violence in preparing a comprehensive study

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

Section 1. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the public service law and the general business law relating to providing for unlisted telephone numbers without charge for certain victims of domestic violence, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5615-A and A.6509-B, is amended to read as follows:

S 3. The New York state office [for prevention of domestic violence and the office] of children and family services AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE are hereby authorized and directed to assist the New York state [department of public service] OFFICE FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in preparing a comprehensive study documenting: (1) the number of victims of domestic violence who have received either a modified or alternative name for a directory listing, or a non-published telephone listing with all applicable charges waived, between the effective date of this act and April 15, 2011; (2) the fiscal implications for New York telephone services' providers of providing either a modified or alternative name for a directory listing, or a non-published telephone listing with all applicable charges waived; and (3) whether any grants, foundation funding or other funding exists that could continue to provide said victims of domestic violence with the valuable service of non-published listings, or modified or alternative listings, at no cost, without a fiscal impact upon the state of New

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

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York, or upon the telephone corporations or cable television companies providing such service. The findings and results of the study shall be delivered, in the form of a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly on May 3, 2011. The report shall also include recommended legislation that will assist in effectuating the legislature's goal of providing additional protection for the victims of domestic violence by aiding them in keeping their telephone number unknown by the perpetrator of violence upon them.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the public service law and the general business law relating to providing for unlisted telephone numbers without charge for certain victims of domestic violence, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5615-A and A.6509-B, takes effect.