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Introduced by M. of A. KOON, BRENNAN, MILLMAN, N. RIVERA, ZEBROWSKI, COLTON, SCHROEDER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CAHILL, CLARK, DelMONTE, GUNTHER, JOHN, MAYERSOHN, McENENY, PHEFFER, ROBINSON, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Small Business

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to deferred payment of certain charges to small business customers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 94 of the public service law, as added by chapter 593 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

4. (A) The commission shall require, with respect to any charge for the installation or initiation of service of a residential OR SMALL BUSINESS telephone line, or any nonrecurring maintenance service charge with respect to a residential OR SMALL BUSINESS telephone line or equipment, that any telephone corporation imposing such a charge offer a plan for the deferred payment thereof in installments over a period of up to one year. For the purposes of this subdivision, charges for initiation of service are charges for the connection of service including but not limited to charges for central office line, premises visit, inside wire and jacks, and any related service.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, A SMALL BUSINESS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ONE WHICH IS RESIDENT IN THIS STATE, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED, NOT DOMINANT IN ITS FIELD AND WHICH EMPLOYS ONE HUNDRED OR LESS PERSONS WHICH HAS INSTALLED NO MORE THAN FOUR LINES.

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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