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Introduced by M. of A. ESPAILLAT, ROBINSON, WRIGHT, PERALTA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to making gas and electric billing information for residential rental premises available upon request

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 66-m to read as follows:

S 66-M. GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PREMISES. EVERY GAS CORPORATION, ELECTRIC CORPORATION, AND MUNICIPALITY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY LANDLORD OR LESSOR OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PREMISES, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST THEREFOR FROM ANY PROSPECTIVE TENANT OR LESSEE THEREOF, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF TENANCY OR EXECUTION OF A LEASE, INFORMATION CONSISTING OF THE CHARGES INCURRED AT SUCH PREMISES FOR GAS OR ELECTRIC SERVICE OR BOTH. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE IDENTIFIED SOLELY BY THE ADDRESS OF THE DWELLING UNIT, AND NO OTHER INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE OWNER, LESSEE, OR OTHER OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING UNIT SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR, OR MADE AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH, THE FURNISHING OF BILLING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE FURNISHED TO BOTH THE LANDLORD OR LESSOR AND TO THE PROSPECTIVE TENANT OR LESSEE WITHOUT THE IMPOSITION OF ANY CHARGE OR FEE THEREFOR BY ANY PARTY TO ANY PARTY.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the public service commission is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement this act on its effective date on or before such date.

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

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