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Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing reduced rates for water charged to laundry businesses

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 118-d to read as follows:

S 118-D. LAUNDRIES; REDUCED WATER RATES. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

A. "USE WATER EXCLUSIVELY" SHALL MEAN THE USE OF WATER FOR WHICH NOT LESS THAN NINETY PERCENT OF SUCH USE IS USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A LAUNDRY;

B. "LAUNDRY" SHALL MEAN A COIN-OPERATED LAUNDRY, DRY CLEANER OR ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES FOR THE LAUNDERING OF CLOTHES ON THE PREMISES;

C. "MUNICIPALITY" SHALL MEAN A COUNTY, TOWN, CITY OR VILLAGE;

D. "WATER AUTHORITY" SHALL MEAN ANY WATER AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ANY WATER AUTHORITY, MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH SUPPLIES WATER TO CONSUMERS IN THIS STATE MAY, BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR SIMILAR ACT, PROVIDE FOR A REDUCED RATE FOR WATER CHARGED TO BUSINESS CONSUMERS WHO USE WATER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A LAUNDRY. SUCH REDUCTION IN WATER RATES SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE STANDARD RATE CHARGES TO SUCH CONSUMERS.

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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