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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring all set top boxes provided by cable, satellite, telecom and internet service providers to comply with Energy Star guidelines

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 231 to read as follows:

S 231. ENERGY STAR SET TOP BOXES. 1. NO LATER THAN JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN, ALL SET TOP BOXES PROVIDED BY CABLE, SATELLITE, TELECOM OR INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONSUMERS LOCATED IN THE STATE SHALL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL ENERGY STAR SET TOP BOX PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION: (A) "ENERGY STAR" MEANS A DESIGNATION FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY INDICATING THAT A PRODUCT MEETS THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE AGENCY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY STAR PROGRAM; AND

(B) "SET TOP BOX" MEANS A CABLE, SATELLITE, TELECOM OR INTERNET PROTOCOL OR OTHER DEVICE, THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF WHICH IS TO RECEIVE TELEVISION SIGNALS FROM A SPECIFIC SOURCE AND TRANSMIT OR DELIVER SUCH SIGNALS TO A CONSUMER DISPLAY AND/OR RECORDING DEVICE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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