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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. KEARNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to limiting increases in the amount of the surcharge of the system benefit charge or the surcharge for the renewable portfolio standard

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

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Energy
- 2 assessment cap and consumer cost relief act of 2014".
- 3 S 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 18 to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 S 18. LIMIT ON SURCHARGE INCREASES. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE,
- 6 REGULATION OR ORDER TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT INCREASE
- 7 THE AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE OF THE SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE OR THE
- 8 SURCHARGE FOR THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD OR THE SURCHARGE FOR THE
- 9 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDER OF THE
- 10 COMMISSION FOR ANY YEAR IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED IN TWO
- 11 THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR EACH SURCHARGE.
- 12 S 3. Moratorium on new energy taxes and fees. Notwithstanding any law,
- 13 rule, regulation or order to the contrary, the public service commission
- 14 shall not establish any new surcharge assessment, tax or fee on energy
- 15 consumers, excepting those fees which may arise from an electric gener-
- 16 ating facility that provides notice of closure to such commission and a
- 17 reliability need is identified by the bulk system operator.
- 18 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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