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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES, OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- ordered to a third reading -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to require the department of public service to obtain certain information from each water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users and water authority within the state and issue a report relating thereto

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

Section 1. The department of public service shall transmit a request for information to each water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users and water authority within the state requesting any and all information related to fire hydrant maintenance, servicing, replacement, and if applicable, fees that are charged either to a municipality, fire district, or water user for fire hydrant maintenance, servicing, and replacement.

(a) The department shall seek from each water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users and water authority the following information:

1. All invoices associated with maintenance, servicing, or replacement of fire hydrants for a period of at least one year;

2. All contracts associated with maintenance, servicing, or replacement of fire hydrants for a period of at least one year; and

3. All records associated with the billing of maintenance, servicing, or replacement of fire hydrants to a municipality, fire district, or water users for a period of at least one year.

(b) Each water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users or water authority that receives a request for information from

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

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the department pursuant to this act shall cooperate fully with the department, provide such information in a timely manner, and comply with any other requests and requirements deemed appropriate by the department.

(c) The department shall issue a report on or before April 1, 2017 on fire hydrant maintenance, servicing, replacement, and if applicable, fees that are charged either to a municipality, fire district, or water user. Such a report shall include a comprehensive analysis on the maintenance, servicing, or replacement of fire hydrants, and if applicable, fees that are charged either to a municipality, fire district, or water user for fire hydrant maintenance, servicing, and replacement. The department shall include any recommendations that would achieve a reduction in these fees. The department shall include in the report the identity of any water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users or water authority that received a request for information from the department but did not provide information in a timely or complete manner. The department shall post a copy of the report on the department's website and transmit a copy of the full report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chairs of the assembly and senate corporations, authorities and commissions committees, and each member of the legislature who represents the service territory of the water-works corporation serving fifty thousand or more water users or water authority.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on the one hundred twentieth day after the department of public service has submitted its completed report as required by section one of this act, provided that the department of public service shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the submission of the completed report as required by section one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.