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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, SEAWRIGHT, BARRETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection -- recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting providers from imposing a fee for termination or early cancellation of certain service contracts in the event a customer has deceased before the end of such contract

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 399-zzzz to read as follows:
3 S 399-ZZZZ. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN FEE CHARGES FOR TERMINATION OR
4 EARLY CANCELLATION. 1. SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATION, NO PROVID-
5 ER OF TELEPHONE, CELLULAR TELEPHONE, TELEVISION, INTERNET, ENERGY, OR
6 WATER SERVICES SHALL IMPOSE A FEE FOR TERMINATION OR EARLY CANCELLATION
7 OF A SERVICE CONTRACT IN THE EVENT THE CUSTOMER HAS DECEASED BEFORE THE
8 END OF SUCH CONTRACT.
9 2. EVERY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A CIVIL
10 PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
11 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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