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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to making gas and electric billing information for residential rental premises available upon request

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 66-o to read as follows:
3 S 66-O. GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
4 PREMISES. EVERY GAS CORPORATION, ELECTRIC CORPORATION AND MUNICIPALITY
5 SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY LANDLORD OR LESSOR OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
6 PREMISES, WITHIN TEN DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST THEREFOR FROM
7 ANY PROSPECTIVE TENANT OR LESSEE THEREOF, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF
8 TENANCY OR EXECUTION OF A LEASE, INFORMATION CONSISTING OF THE CHARGES
9 INCURRED AT SUCH PREMISES FOR GAS OR ELECTRIC SERVICE OR BOTH FOR THE
10 LIFE OF THE DWELLING UNIT OR THE PRECEDING TWO YEAR PERIOD, WHICHEVER IS
11 SHORTER. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE IDENTIFIED SOLELY BY THE ADDRESS OF
12 THE DWELLING UNIT, AND NO OTHER INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE OWNER,
13 LESSEE, OR OTHER OCCUPANT OF THE DWELLING UNIT SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR, OR
14 MADE AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH, THE FURNISHING OF BILLING INFORMATION
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE FURNISHED TO BOTH
16 THE LANDLORD OR LESSOR AND TO THE PROSPECTIVE TENANT OR LESSEE WITHOUT
17 THE IMPOSITION OF ANY CHARGE OR FEE THEREFOR BY ANY PARTY TO ANY PARTY.
18 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
19 it shall have become a law; provided that the public service commission
20 is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take
21 any other measures necessary to implement this act on its effective date
22 on or before such date.

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

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