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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring certain internet service providers to provide internet access to public libraries at no cost

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The article heading of article 11 of the public service law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

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§ 2. Section 212 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

15. "Internet service provider" shall mean any person, business or organization qualified to do business in this state that provides individuals, corporations, or other entities with the ability to connect to the internet.

§ 3. Subdivision 3 of section 219 of the public service law is renumbered subdivision 4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

3. Any internet service provider that applies for or renews a franchise with a municipality shall be required to provide such internet service to a public library located within such municipality at no cost for such service.

§ 4. 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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