STATE OF NEW YORK

6035

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 21, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to authorizing the public service commission to conduct a water rate and cost study

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 89-q to read as follows:

§ 89-q. Water rate and cost study. 1. The commission shall conduct a study to analyze the rates and fees of each water works corporation and municipal water system. The study shall analyze the average annual cost to customers using uniform usage, metrics and time period in order to compare costs between water supply providers. The study shall examine the format of customer bills and provide recommendations on improving the understanding of water use and cost to consumers.

2. The commission shall publish a report on the annual cost of water for all water supply providers. The report must be published within six months of the effective date of this section. A copy of the report must be furnished to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chairperson of the senate standing committee on energy and telecommunications, and the chairperson of the assembly standing committee on corporations, authorities and commissions.

3. The commission shall notify customers of its findings on its website.

4. The study shall be updated biennially to account for any change in rates or fees.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD09967-01-7