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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to information cable television companies must provide to subscribers regarding availability of required equipment at retail

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 224-a of the public service law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(d) Each cable television company shall provide to each of its subscribers at the time of the initial subscription and at least semi-annually thereafter a written description of: (1) the equipment required for such subscription; (2) information regarding how or where a subscriber may purchase such equipment at retail; and (3) information regarding what retail equipment is compatible with the cable television company system. For purposes of this paragraph "equipment" shall include but not be limited to a modem or electronic device that makes possible the transmission of data to or from a computer via telephone or other communication lines.

§ 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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