STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 23, 2020

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 issuing a moratorium on utility termination of services during periods of pandemics and/or state of emergencies

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 32 of the public service law, as added by chapter 686 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

6. **No utility corporation or municipality shall terminate services to any residential customer who cannot pay an overdue charge because of financial hardship, when such financial hardship derives from a federal, state, county or village imposed state of emergency and/or pandemic and such utility provides quality of life services such as electricity, steam, water, natural gas or telecommunications.**

7. Implementation of the provisions of this section shall not limit the contractual remedies for damages which might be available to the terminating utility provided that an award of such damages is not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this article.

§ 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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