STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

August 11, 2020

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring electric companies to provide alternative measures to ensure customers with documented need for essential electricity for medical needs are able to maintain their health and well-being during power outages

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 21 of section 66 of the public service law, as added by section 4 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) identification of and outreach plans to customers who had documented their need for essential electricity for medical needs**, including provisions regarding how such customers will be provided with alternative measures to ensure their health and well-being if power cannot adequately be provided. Such provisions shall include providing electric generators or lodging for the individual requiring such essential electricity for medical needs and shall also include transportation of medical devices, as needed. Such provisions shall also specify that any cost incurred by an electric company in providing such alternative measures shall not be borne by rate payers**;

§ 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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