STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 28, 2019

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 prohibiting the monitoring of natural gas or electricity meters more frequently than on a monthly or billing cycle basis and entry upon residential property

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

Section 1. Section 65 of the public service law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 5-a and 5-b to read as follows:

5-a. No gas corporation, electric corporation or municipality shall, without the express written consent of the consumer, monitor, record, collect or store data from any meter or apparatus which provides such corporation or municipality with a measure of the use of natural gas or electricity for any period of time less than one month or the billing cycle, whichever shall be greater. No fee or rate fee shall be charged to those consumers who withhold such consent.

5-b. No gas corporation, electric corporation or municipality shall enter a residential property without the consent of the owner thereof, except when there is an emergency, or imminent or potential harm to persons or property.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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