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 providing a discount to consumers of certain utilities for failure to provide contracted services

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 119-d to read as follows:

§ 119-d. Failure to provide contracted services. A consumer who has a contract for service with a gas corporation, electric corporation, gas and electric corporation, water corporation, steam corporation, telegraph corporation, telephone corporation, cable television company, internet service provider or a municipality rendering equivalent utility services shall be entitled to a discount when the service such consumer has contracted for is not provided for by such gas corporation, electric corporation, gas and electric corporation, water corporation, steam corporation, telegraph corporation, telephone corporation, cable television company, internet service provider or a municipality rendering equivalent utility services for a period of at least twenty-four hours. Such discount shall be applied to the monthly charges assessed by such gas corporation, electric corporation, gas and electric corporation, water corporation, steam corporation, telegraph corporation, telephone corporation, cable television company, internet service provider or a municipality rendering equivalent utility services by reducing such monthly charges by a percentage that is equal to the number of days of the billing cycle divided by the number of days such contracted service was not provided to the consumer.

§ 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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