

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 13, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Stirpe) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring a study on the height of overhead utility lines and communication lines as such relate to the height of agricultural equipment and other heavy duty equipment; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 28 to read as follows:

3 § 28. Study on the height of overhead utility lines and communication
4 lines; agricultural equipment. 1. The chairperson of the public service
5 commission is hereby authorized and directed to study the implementation
6 of this chapter of law in regard to the height of overhead communication
7 lines or cables including but not limited to telegraph lines and tele-
8 phone lines, and any other overhead utility line or cable the chair-
9 person deems necessary to complete such study.

10 2. The study shall include, but not be limited to examining:

11 a. the use of and compliance with the national electric safety code
12 line height standard;

13 b. instances of vehicles, including but not limited to agricultural
14 equipment and any other off-road heavy duty equipment, coming into
15 contact with communication lines, utility lines and any other overhead
16 line or cable; and

17 c. whether such national electric safety code line height standard is
18 sufficient with the increased size of agricultural equipment and other
19 off-road heavy duty equipment to ensure safe passage of such equipment
20 under such lines or cables.

21 3. The study conducted pursuant to this section shall be completed and
22 a report on such study shall be submitted to the governor and the legis-
23 lature no later than one year after the effective date of this section.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed January 1, 2025.

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

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