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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Tele-
communications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring emer-
gency notices be provided to consumers in certain languages

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

1 Section 1. The section heading of section 44 of the public service
2 law, as added by chapter 713 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Utility bills[+] and informational notices.

5 § 2. Section 44 of the public service law is amended by adding a new
6 subdivision 6 to read as follows:

7 6. The commission shall require every utility corporation or munici-
8 pality who sends an emergency notice to its consumers to make available
9 and provide such emergency notice in English and any other prevailing
10 language as the commission deems necessary which shall include Spanish,
11 Haitian-Creole, Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, French, Urdu, Hindi and
12 Tagalog.

13 § 3. 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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