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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to certain requirements regarding billing for electric services

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

Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 66 of the public service law, as amended by chapter 696 of the laws of 1936, is amended to read as follows:

14. The commission shall have power to require each gas corporation and electric corporation to establish classifications of service based upon the quantity used, the time when used, the purpose for which used, the duration of use and upon any other reasonable consideration, and to establish in connection therewith just and reasonable graduated rates and charges; and it shall have power, either upon complaint or upon its own motion, to require such changes in such classifications, rates and charges as it shall determine to be just and reasonable. Neither the scheduled rates nor the minimum charge for residential customers shall, after July first, nineteen hundred thirty-seven, be based in any manner on the number of outlets, number of rooms, cubic or square foot area or other such standards. **Such classifications of service shall be indicated on each customer's bill for electric service and shall include website address to other information deemed relevant by the commission.**

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

1. Every utility corporation or municipality shall assure that bills for service to residential **and demand-metered** customers adequately

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

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explain the charges for service in clear and understandable form and language **and shall indicate the account number and/or meter number for the account for which service is being charged**. The commission may, from time to time, specify the form and content of such bills to further the objectives of this subdivision. **Such bill shall at a minimum include the quantity billed, the unit of measurement and the highest measurement of a specific line item as measured over the preceding fifty-two week period.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.