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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT directing utilities to study the potential health risks and effects of smart meters; 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:

Section 1. Public health study of smart meters. 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "smart meter" shall mean a meter that records electrical or natural gas consumption in real-time or over short intervals and communicates such information to a utility through a two-way information exchange.

2. Utilities operating in the state and offering smart meters shall conduct a study of the potential health risks and effects of smart meters including, but not limited to, the risks and effects of the installation of such smart meters, and recommended safe practices associated with the use of smart meters.

3. Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, each utility shall report to the public service commission on its findings. Not later than eighteen months after the effective date of this act, the public service commission shall prepare a comprehensive report to the governor and the legislature setting forth and evaluating the findings of such utilities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after such effective date.

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

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