

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to Internet access and communications for municipalities

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 99-x to read as follows:

3 § 99-x. Internet access and communications. The governing body of any
4 county, city, town or village is hereby authorized and empowered to
5 establish, construct, and maintain broadband and related telecommuni-
6 cations infrastructure, or to contract for the construction and mainte-
7 nance of such services with a corporation or nonprofit organization, and
8 for the maintenance, care, and replacement of infrastructure in
9 connection therewith, if such governing body finds that such facilities
10 are necessary. For the purposes of this section, "nonprofit organiza-
11 tion" shall mean a corporation having tax exempt status under section
12 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or any organiza-
13 tion incorporated under the not-for-profit corporation law.

14 § 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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