

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WILLIAMS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to providing for unlisted telephone numbers without charge for certain victims of domestic violence

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

1 Section 1. Section 91 of the public service law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

3 15. Every local exchange telephone corporation shall, where an order  
4 of protection exists and at the customer's request (accompanying a copy  
5 of the order), waive the charges therefor and omit from any directory of  
6 telephone numbers published by it or an affiliated company the listing  
7 of any person who is a victim of domestic violence, as defined in  
8 section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law, and for  
9 whose benefit any order of protection, other than a temporary order of  
10 protection, has been issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, for  
11 the duration of such order.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
13 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the public service  
14 commission is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations  
15 and take any other measures necessary to implement this act on its  
16 effective date on or before such date.

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

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