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Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring entities responsible for the provision of vital services to coordinate and work expeditiously to restore service whenever such service is interrupted

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 402-e of the public housing law, as amended by chapter 47 of the laws of 2020, is amended and a new subdivision 5 is added to read as follows:

1. In order to ensure compliance and enforcement of the New York city housing authority's duty to provide heat, water, electricity**, gas** and elevator service, the New York city housing authority shall publish information regarding reported disruptions in such services, the length of such disruptions and the steps taken to restore services. Starting on May first, two thousand twenty, the New York city housing authority shall publish such information on its website. For six months after the original publication date, the New York city housing authority shall retain such information on its website.

5. a. The department of housing preservation and development, or any agency of the city of New York or state agency charged with the inspection of conditions, required to remedy conditions, or with general jurisdiction to remedy conditions, and any utility corporation in ownership or control of the meters, pipes, fittings, wires and other apparatus associated with the establishment of service to a residence, shall ensure that all interruptions of vital services set forth in subdivision one of this section be remedied as expeditiously as practicable.

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

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b. For purposes of this subdivision, "expeditiously as practicable" shall mean a requirement that each responsible entity described in paragraph a of this subdivision take all available actions to restore service, including, but not limited to:

(i) Applying for emergency repair permits;

(ii) Coordinating with all relevant agencies and corporations on a plan of restoration;

(iii) Communicating said restoration plan to all affected residents; and

(iv) Mitigating the effects of service interruption through monetary compensation or rebate.

c. Any utility corporation in ownership or control of the meters, pipes, fittings, wires and other apparatus associated with the establishment of service to a residence who cannot demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with the provisions of this subdivision shall be liable for a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars for each affected occupied unit for each day during which service remains interrupted.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.