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Introduced by Sen. OBERACKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Internet and Technology

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring internet service providers to charge a residential rate to certain emergency service organizations

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 42 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 42

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

Section 1100. Definitions.

1101. Rates for emergency service organizations.

§ 1100. Definitions. For the purpose of this article: 1. "Internet service provider" means any person, business or organization qualified to do business in this state that provides individuals, corporations, or other entities with the ability to connect to the internet through equipment that is located in this state.

2. "Emergency service organization" means any voluntary fire or ambulance company.

§ 1101. Rates for emergency service organizations. No internet service provider shall charge any emergency service organization an amount which is more than the rate charged to residential customers of such internet service provider. When such internet service provider charges different rates for business customers and residential customers, emergency service organizations shall be charged the residential rate. Notwithstanding the charging of a residential rate, service provided to emergency service organizations shall be provided at the level of service provided by such internet service provider to business customers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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