STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to prohibiting termination of residential utility service during forecasts of extreme temperature; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 32 of the public service law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Section 32 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "forecast of extreme temperature" means a national weather service forecast of ninety-five degrees Fahrenheit or above on the national weather service heat index (apparent temperature) during any time of day or night or thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit or below during any time of day or night.

(b) A utility or municipality supplying residential heat or electricity shall not terminate such heat or electricity during the day preceding and the day of a forecast of extreme temperature, or if such forecast of extreme temperature precedes a holiday or weekend day, on any day during such holiday or weekend day.

§ 3. 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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