

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 12, 2024

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 certain requirements regarding billing for electric services

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 66 of the public service law, as
2 amended by chapter 696 of the laws of 1936, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 14. The commission shall have power to require each gas corporation
5 and electric corporation to establish classifications of service based
6 upon the quantity used, the time when used, the purpose for which used,
7 the duration of use and upon any other reasonable consideration, and to
8 establish in connection therewith just and reasonable graduated rates
9 and charges; and it shall have power, either upon complaint or upon its
10 own motion, to require such changes in such classifications, rates and
11 charges as it shall determine to be just and reasonable. Neither the
12 scheduled rates nor the minimum charge for residential customers shall,
13 after July first, nineteen hundred thirty-seven, be based in any manner
14 on the number of outlets, number of rooms, cubic or square foot area or
15 other such standards. Such classifications of service shall be indicated
16 on each customer's bill for electric service and shall include a website
17 address to other information deemed relevant by the commission.

18 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 44 of the public service law, as added
19 by chapter 713 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

20 1. Every utility corporation or municipality shall assure that bills
21 for service to residential and demand-metered customers adequately
22 explain the charges for service in clear and understandable form and
23 language and shall indicate the account number and/or meter number for
24 the account for which service is being charged. The commission may,
25 from time to time, specify the form and content of such bills to further
26 the objectives of this subdivision. For utility corporations, such bill
27 shall at a minimum include the quantity billed, the unit of measurement

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

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1 and the highest measurement of a specific line item as measured over the
2 preceding fifty-two week period.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law.