STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 the increase of certain utility charges after twelve months from the time service was provided

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 66-w of the public service law is designated subdivision 1 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a utility corporation or municipality may not adjust upward a bill previously rendered to a small non-residential customer after the expiration of twelve months from the time the service to which the adjustment pertains was provided unless: (a) failure to bill correctly was caused by the customer's culpable conduct or was not due to the neglect of the utility corporation or municipality; or (b) there was a dispute between the utility corporation or municipality and the customer concerning the bill during the twelve-month period. A utility corporation or municipality issuing an additional or increased bill charging for services rendered twelve or more months prior to such date of issuance shall include with it a notice giving the reason for the late billing.

§ 2. 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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