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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RAJKUMAR, COLTON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to exempting veterans organizations in New York city from sewer and water charges

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 1045-j of the public authorities  
2 law, as amended by chapter 514 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4 5. Such fees, rates, rents or other charges, if not paid when due,  
5 shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and a charge against  
6 the owners thereof, which lien and charge shall bear interest at the  
7 same rate as would unpaid taxes of the city. Such lien shall take  
8 precedence over all other liens or encumbrances, except taxes, and may  
9 be foreclosed against the lot or building served in the same manner as a  
10 lien for such taxes. The amount which remains due and unpaid for sixty  
11 days may, with interest thereon at the same rate as unpaid city taxes  
12 and with reasonable attorneys' fees, be recovered by the water board in  
13 a civil action in the name of the water board against such owners. The  
14 city, and any state agency shall be subject to the same fees, rates,  
15 rents or other charges under the same conditions as other users of such  
16 water system or sewerage system, or both, as the case may be. Tax exempt  
17 organizations shall be charged according to the provisions of chapter  
18 six hundred ninety-six of the laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, as  
19 amended by chapters eight hundred ninety-three and eight hundred nine-  
20 ty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty and by provisions which  
21 may by law extend the provisions of such chapters from time to time;  
22 provided that veterans organizations, as defined in section four hundred  
23 fifty-two of the real property tax law and located in the city, shall  
24 not be charged, any inconsistent provision of law notwithstanding. Any  
25 agreement for the supply of water or sewerage services between the city

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

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1 or an agency thereof and any other municipality or water supply system,  
2 or any administrative determination by a state agency, or any other  
3 arrangement in this regard, in effect at the time the water board shall  
4 be established, shall remain in full force and effect and be binding  
5 upon the water board as if it were a party to such agreement, determi-  
6 nation or other arrangement. All rights, powers, duties, obligations  
7 and functions provided by law with respect to the fixing of charges or  
8 rates for the supply of water or sewerage services to users outside the  
9 city, including but not limited to those set forth in [~~article one of~~  
10 ~~title K of chapter fifty-one~~] section 5-429 of the administrative code  
11 of the city of New York and article eight of the environmental conserva-  
12 tion law, shall be deemed to apply, as appropriate, to the water board  
13 established pursuant to this title. In addition to any other lawful  
14 enforcement methods and pursuant to rules and regulations of the water  
15 board promulgated pursuant to this title, the payment of fees, rates,  
16 rents or other charges for water service or sewerage service to any  
17 premises may be enforced by discontinuing the water service or sewerage  
18 service to such premises provided that such discontinuance or discon-  
19 nection of any supply of water or the provision of sewerage service, or  
20 both, as the case may be, shall not be carried out except in the manner  
21 and upon the notice as is required of a water-works corporation pursuant  
22 to subdivisions three-a, three-b and three-c of section eighty-nine-b  
23 and section one hundred sixteen of the public service law.  
24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
25 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.