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Introduced by M. of A. E. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to providing transparency to residential utility and municipality ratepayers on the cost impact of the climate action council's scoping plan

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 44-a to read as follows:

3 § 44-a. Utility bills; cost impact of New York state climate action
4 council's scoping plan. 1. No later than one year after the effective
5 date of this section, every utility corporation or municipality shall
6 ensure that bills for service to residential customers include a sepa-
7 rate line item for the cost impact of measures taken in accordance with
8 the climate action council's final scoping plan pursuant to article
9 seventy-five of the environmental conservation law. Such measures shall
10 include, but not be limited to, monies spent by the utility corporation
11 or municipality for the purpose of renewable power generation, battery
12 storage, new transmission and distribution lines, costs associated with
13 interconnection of renewable energy projects, any costs associated with
14 rebates or subsidies for customer-owned electric heating, cooling, or
15 cooking appliances, or any other purpose related to compliance with
16 article seventy-five of the environmental conservation law.

17 2. (a) No later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date
18 of this section, the department shall establish a formula that enables
19 every utility corporation or municipality to calculate the cost impact
20 on each residential customer's bill attributed to measures taken in
21 accordance with the climate action council's final scoping plan. In any
22 instance where costs are incurred by a utility or municipality, benefi-
23 cial for both compliance with article seventy-five of the environmental
24 conservation law and for general system reliability and safety for the

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

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1 provision of gas or electric service, such costs shall also be included
2 in the formula provided that such costs cannot be reasonably decoupled.

3 (b) The department shall update the formula on an annual basis and
4 notify every utility corporation and municipality within thirty days of
5 such update.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.