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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to broadband service in multi-family housing

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

Section 1. Section 228 of the public service law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

§ 228. Landlord-tenant relationship. 1. No landlord shall (a) interfere with the installation of cable television facilities **or service provided by a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** upon [~~his~~] **their** property or premises, except that a landlord may require:

(1) that the installation of cable television facilities **or service provided by a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** conform to such reasonable conditions as are necessary to protect the safety, functioning and appearance of the premises, and the convenience and well being of other tenants;

(2) that the cable television company **or a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** or the tenant or a combination thereof bear the entire cost of the installation, operation or removal of such facilities; and

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

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(3) that the cable television company **or a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** agree to indemnify the landlord for any damage caused by the installation, operation or removal of such facilities.

(b) demand or accept payment from any tenant, in any form, in exchange for permitting cable television service **or service provided by a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** on or within [~~his~~] **their** property or premises, or from any cable television company **or a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** in exchange therefor in excess of any amount which the commission shall, by regulation, determine to be reasonable; or

(c) discriminate in rental charges or otherwise, between tenants who receive cable television service **or service provided by a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** and those who do not.

2. Rental agreements and leases executed prior to January first, nineteen hundred seventy-three may be enforced notwithstanding this section.

3. No cable television company **or a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two** may enter into any agreement with the owners, lessees or persons controlling or managing buildings served by a cable television company **or a recipient of the municipal assistance program as established by section sixteen-gg of the New York state urban development corporation act, as added by section 2 of part MMM of chapter fifty-eight of the laws of two thousand twenty-two**, or do or permit any act, that would have the effect, directly or indirectly of diminishing or interfering with existing rights of any tenant or other occupant of such building to use or avail [~~himself~~] **themself** of master or individual antenna equipment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.