STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

November 21, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. R. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to granting the governor power to effectuate emergency disconnections of utilities

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 66-x to read as follows:

§ 66-x. Emergency disconnections; governor's authority. 1. A gas corporation, electric corporation, or municipality in ownership or control of the meters, pipes, fittings, wires, and other apparatus associated with the establishment of service to a building or unit shall, upon the order of the governor, disconnect service to that building or unit without the need for prior notice when all the following requirements are fulfilled:

(a) Any of the following laws or regulations are violated by the occupants of the building or unit:

(i) Articles seventeen, nineteen, and twenty-seven of the environmental conservation law and regulations made pursuant thereto;

(ii) Sections twenty-seven and twenty-seven-a and article seventeen of the labor law and regulations made pursuant thereto;

(iii) The uniform fire and building code; or

(iv) Local laws and regulations made pursuant to subdivisions twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, and twenty-five of section twenty of the general city law, sections one hundred thirty and two hundred sixty-one of the town law, sections 7-700 and 10-1002 of the village law, or subparagraph twelve of paragraph a of subdivision one of section ten of the municipal home rule law;

(b) An emergency arising out of the violation of the law or regulation threatens the health or safety of a person or the surrounding area; and

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

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(c) The governor determines, in their unreviewable discretion that the disconnection of service will, contribute to resolving the emergency.

2. Service shall be reconnected when the governor determines that the emergency has ended.

3. The governor shall submit a report within seventy-two hours of issuing an emergency disconnection order pursuant to this section to the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate, which shall include information on the laws violated by the occupants of the building or unit, the nature of the emergency that arises out of such violation, and the reasons the governor believes the disconnection of service will contribute to resolving the emergency. The contents of the report shall be made available to the public within seventy-two hours of receipt, unless the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate determine that release of the report would impede the resolution of the emergency.

4. The governor shall submit a report on or before January thirty-first of each year to the legislature, which shall include information detailing the total number of emergency disconnections effectuated under this section, the reasons for each emergency disconnection, and the result of each disconnection. This report shall be promptly published by the legislature once received.

§ 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 89-q to read as follows:

§ 89-q. Emergency disconnections; governor's authority. 1. A water-works company or municipality shall, upon the order of the governor, disconnect service to a building or unit without the need for prior notice when all the following requirements are fulfilled:

(a) Any of the following laws or regulations are violated by the occupants of the building or unit:

(i) Articles seventeen, nineteen, and twenty-seven of the environmental conservation law and regulations made pursuant thereto;

(ii) Sections twenty-seven and twenty-seven-a and article seventeen of the labor law and regulations made pursuant thereto;

(iii) The uniform fire and building code; or

(iv) Local laws and regulations made pursuant to subdivisions twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, and twenty-five of section twenty of the general city law, sections one hundred thirty and two hundred sixty-one of the town law, sections 7-700 and 10-1002 of the village law, or subparagraph twelve of paragraph a of subdivision one of section ten of the municipal home rule law;

(b) An emergency arising out of the violation of the law or regulation threatens the health or safety of a person or the surrounding area; and

(c) The disconnection of service will, in the judgment of the governor, contribute to resolving the emergency.

2. Service shall be reconnected when the governor determines that the emergency has ended.

3. The governor shall submit a report within seventy-two hours of issuing an emergency disconnection order pursuant to this section to the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate, which shall include information on the laws violated by the occupants of the building or unit, the nature of the emergency that arises out of such violation, and the reasons the governor believes the disconnection of service will contribute to resolving the emergency. The contents of the report shall be made available to the public within seventy-two hours of receipt, unless the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president

of the senate determine that release of the report would impede the resolution of the emergency.

4. The governor shall submit a report on or before January thirty-first of each year to the legislature, which shall include information detailing the total number of emergency disconnections effectuated under this section, the reasons for each emergency disconnection, and the result of each disconnection. This report shall be promptly published by the legislature once received.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.