STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 3, 2025

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 authorizing consideration of non-economic loss suffered by consumers when determining penalties

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

Section 1. Section 25 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. In determining penalties pursuant to this section, including any negotiated settlements between the commission and a public utility company, corporation or person and the officers, agents and employees thereof, the commission may consider non-economic loss suffered by consumers including, but not limited to, pain and suffering or mental anguish.

§ 2. Section 25-a of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. In determining penalties pursuant to this section, including any negotiated settlements between the commission and a combination gas and electric corporation or the officers thereof, the commission may consider non-economic loss suffered by consumers, including but not limited to, pain and suffering or mental anguish.

§ 3. 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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