STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 12, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring utility corporations and municipalities to notify property owners prior to beginning any scheduled non-emergency construction or other work

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 119-f to read as follows:

§ 119-f. Notification of work. 1. A utility corporation or municipality shall provide notice at least five business days prior to beginning any scheduled non-emergency construction or other work that will result in a planned interruption of a customer's property.

2. Such notice shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the work to be performed, the expected duration of such work, the location of such work, and the contact information for the utility performing such work. Such notice may be provided through electronic communications, signage, or written materials.

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the case of a natural or man-made disaster or state of emergency pursuant to article two-B of the executive law, or where the need to provide such notice would prevent the timely installation, restoration or repair of a utility customer's service.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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