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## Senate Passes Gianaris Bill Mandating Consumer Advocate On Public Service Commission

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the State Senate passed his legislation (S.2155) mandating the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) include a consumer advocate as a voting member. The bill passed 44-16.

“The Public Service Commission must fairly weigh the interests of everyday New Yorkers when making regulatory decisions,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “This is a

significant reform for ratepayers and I am glad my proposal took a big step forward.”

In May, Senator Gianaris passed legislation that would require technical expertise for members of the PSC and create a panel to recommend qualified nominees to the Governor.

The PSC is comprised of five members, with one seat currently vacant. The board regulates telecommunications, electricity, steam, natural gas, and water service delivery.

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### **2019-S2155**

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- Introduced
  
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
  
- Delivered to Governor
  
- Signed By Governor

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Requires that at least one commissioner of the public service commission have experience in utility consumer advocacy

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In Senate Committee [Rules](#)

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