

NY HEAT ACT – SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION

Quotes taken from NYS Senate Floor Debate on S2016B, March 19, 2024.
“FICTION” by Senate Sponsor.

FICTION

- “We have passed other laws saying we are not going to allow gas & oil driven buildings.”
- “There is nothing in this bill (NYHEAT) that says you can’t continue if you are on natural gas.”
- “As far as the costs being transferred to other utility customers because of the New York Heat Act, that’s not true.”
- “The bill doesn’t add any mandates. It’s not saying: We are going to shut down your gas due to the HEAT Act.”
- “This bill does not give the PSC any new authority.”

FACT

- **FALSE-** The CLCPA does not mandate limits to the natural gas system. The All-Electric Buildings Act of 2023 includes specific exemptions, which may be vulnerable under NY HEAT.
- This is **FALSE-** The bill authorizes the PSC to discontinue/curtail.
- **FALSE-** There is nothing in the bill to implement cost caps and more importantly, nothing to stop potential cost savings to low income people being transferred to other ratepayers in the form of higher utility bills.
- **FALSE-** The NY HEAT act authorizes the PSC to shut down/curtail gas service and removes customers' right to continued gas service.
- **FALSE-** As noted above, it specifically grants the PSC new authority to shut down/discontinue gas service.

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