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During this difficult time, Assemblyman John Mikulin wants you to know what is being done by the government, state agencies, and companies to help you through this national state of emergency.

Currently, the state government has passed two bills to help our communities during this crisis:

- Provide sick and paid family leave, as well as benefits due to disability, for employees who are placed in mandatory or precautionary quarantine due to the COVID-19 outbreak (A.10153).
- Allocate \$40 million for emergency appropriation and necessary emergency measures to protect the health and safety of New Yorkers due to the crisis caused by COVID-19 (A.09953).

The Governor has enacted an executive order to **reduce or suspend mortgage payments if an individual lost their job due to the COVID-19 outbreak for 90 days starting March 21.**

The President has also stopped both interest and principal payments for federal student loan holders from March 13 through September 30, 2020. This is automatic with no enrollment required.

In addition to the legislation passed by the state and federal governments, other companies and agencies have stepped up to help those who are struggling amid this outbreak:

National Grid & Other Electric/Gas Companies

- Temporarily suspending all collection-related activities, which includes service disconnections due to non-payment, until the end of April when they will reevaluate the need. If you are unsure if your provider is partaking in this, please call to check.

Phone Companies

- AT&T is suspending termination due to non-payment of wireless, home phone, or broadband service.
- Verizon is suspending termination due to non-payment and waiving late fees until May 13, 2020.
- T-Mobile is providing unlimited data to all customers for the next 60 days who have data plans, and additional data to those who use mobile hotspots.

Car Rental Companies

- Enterprise and Hertz are lowering the minimum age requirement to 18 through May 21 to allow college students to get home safely to their families.

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