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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to the recording, broadcasting, webcasting and photographing of meetings of public bodies

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:
3 (D) 1. MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES SHALL BE OPEN TO RECORDING BY EITHER
4 AUDIO OR VIDEO, BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING OR PHOTOGRAPHING BY ANY PERSON
5 IN ATTENDANCE FROM ONE OR MORE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS REASONABLY DETER-
6 MINED BY SUCH PUBLIC BODY, PROVIDED THAT SUCH RECORDING, BROADCASTING,
7 WEBCASTING OR PHOTOGRAPHING DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE
8 MEETING.
9 2. A PUBLIC BODY SHALL ADOPT RULES REASONABLY GOVERNING THE LOCATIONS
10 FOR RECORDING, BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING OR PHOTOGRAPHING OF MEETINGS,
11 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT PROHIBIT OR DISCOUR-
12 AGE SUCH RECORDING, BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING OR PHOTOGRAPHING. SUCH
13 RULES SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED DURING SUCH MEETINGS.
14 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
15 have become a law.

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

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