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AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring certain records which are the subject of a discussion conducted at an open meeting be made available to the public

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

Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

(E) AGENCY RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SIX OF THIS CHAPTER, AS WELL AS ANY PROPOSED RESOLUTION, LAW, RULE, REGULATION, POLICY OR ANY AMENDMENT THERETO, THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY A PUBLIC BODY DURING AN OPEN MEETING SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST THEREFOR, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY OR THE DEPARTMENT, PRIOR TO OR AT THE MEETING DURING WHICH THE RECORDS WILL BE DISCUSSED. COPIES OF SUCH RECORDS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A REASONABLE FEE, DETERMINED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED THEREFOR IN ARTICLE SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. IF THE AGENCY IN WHICH A PUBLIC BODY FUNCTIONS MAINTAINS A REGULARLY AND ROUTINELY UPDATED WEBSITE AND UTILIZES A HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION, SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY OR THE DEPARTMENT, PRIOR TO THE MEETING. AN AGENCY MAY, BUT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO, EXPEND ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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