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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to campaign contributions
by intermediaries

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-100 of the election law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

3 15. "INTERMEDIARY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP,
4 POLITICAL COMMITTEE, LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH, OTHER
5 THAN IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS AS A POSTAL, DELIVERY, OR MESSENGER
6 SERVICE, DELIVERS ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY TO
7 A CANDIDATE OR AN AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE.

8 "INTERMEDIARY" SHALL NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES, PARENTS, CHILDREN, OR
9 SIBLINGS OF THE PERSON MAKING SUCH CONTRIBUTION.

10 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 14-102 of the election law, as amended
11 by chapter 8 and as redesignated by chapter 9 of the laws of 1978, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 1. The treasurer of every political committee which, or any officer,
14 member or agent of any such committee who, in connection with any
15 election, receives or expends any money or other valuable thing or
16 incurs any liability to pay money or its equivalent shall file state-
17 ments sworn, or subscribed and bearing a form notice that false state-
18 ments made therein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to
19 section 210.45 of the penal law, at the times prescribed by this [arti-
20 cle] TITLE setting forth all the receipts, contributions to and the
21 expenditures by and liabilities of the committee, and of its officers,
22 members and agents in its behalf. Such statements shall include the
23 dollar amount of any receipt, contribution or transfer, or the fair
24 market value of any receipt, contribution or transfer, which is other
25 than of money, the name and address of the transferor, contributor,
26 INTERMEDIARY, or person from whom received, and if the transferor,
27 contributor, INTERMEDIARY, or person is a political committee; the name
28 of and the political unit represented by the committee, the date of its

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

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1 receipt, the dollar amount of every expenditure, the name and address of
2 the person to whom it was made or the name of and the political unit
3 represented by the committee to which it was made and the date thereof,
4 and shall state clearly the purpose of such expenditure. AN INTERMEDIARY
5 NEED NOT BE REPORTED FOR A CONTRIBUTION THAT WAS COLLECTED FROM A
6 CONTRIBUTOR IN CONNECTION WITH A PARTY OR OTHER CANDIDATE-RELATED EVENT
7 HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON DELIVERING THE CONTRIBUTION, UNLESS
8 THE EXPENSES OF SUCH EVENT AT SUCH RESIDENCE FOR SUCH CANDIDATE EXCEED
9 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR THE AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM THAT
10 CONTRIBUTOR AT SUCH EVENT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. Any statement
11 reporting a loan shall have attached to it a copy of the evidence of
12 indebtedness. Expenditures in sums under fifty dollars need not be
13 specifically accounted for by separate items in said statements, and
14 receipts and contributions aggregating not more than ninety-nine
15 dollars, from any one contributor need not be specifically accounted for
16 by separate items in said statements, provided however, that such
17 expenditures, receipts and contributions shall be subject to the other
18 provisions of section 14-118 of this [article] TITLE.

19 S 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 2014.