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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to unlawful discriminatory practices

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

1     Section 1.     Subdivision 9 of section 292 of the executive law, as  
2 amended by chapter 262 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     9. The term "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" shall  
5 include, except as hereinafter specified, all places included in the  
6 meaning of such terms as: inns, taverns, road houses, hotels, motels,  
7 whether conducted for the entertainment of transient guests or for the  
8 accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, or restau-  
9 rants, or eating houses, or any place where food is sold for consumption  
10 on the premises; buffets, saloons, barrooms, or any store, park or  
11 enclosure where spirituous or malt liquors are sold; ice cream parlors,  
12 confectionaries, soda fountains, and all stores where ice cream, ice and  
13 fruit preparations or their derivatives, or where beverages of any kind  
14 are retailed for consumption on the premises; wholesale and retail  
15 stores and establishments dealing with goods or services of any kind,  
16 dispensaries, clinics, hospitals, bath-houses, swimming pools, laundries  
17 and all other cleaning establishments, barber shops, beauty parlors,  
18 theatres, motion picture houses, airdromes, roof gardens, music halls,  
19 race courses, skating rinks, amusement and recreation parks, trailer  
20 camps, resort camps, fairs, bowling alleys, golf courses, gymnasiums,  
21 shooting galleries, billiard and pool parlors; garages, all public  
22 conveyances operated on land or water or in the air, as well as the  
23 stations and terminals thereof; travel or tour advisory services, agen-

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

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1 cies or bureaus; public halls and public elevators of buildings and  
2 structures occupied by two or more tenants, or by the owner and one or  
3 more tenants; INSTITUTIONS, CLUBS OR PLACES OF ACCOMMODATION WHICH ARE  
4 LICENSED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR ARE THE  
5 RECIPIENTS OF ANY FORM OF ABATEMENT OR EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, IN WHOLE OR  
6 IN PART, FROM THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. Such term  
7 shall not include public libraries, kindergartens, primary and secondary  
8 schools, high schools, academies, colleges and universities, extension  
9 courses, and all educational institutions under the supervision of the  
10 regents of the state of New York; any such public library, kindergarten,  
11 primary and secondary school, academy, college, university, professional  
12 school, extension course or other education facility, supported in whole  
13 or in part by public funds or by contributions solicited from the gener-  
14 al public; or any institution, club or place of accommodation which  
15 proves that it is in its nature distinctly private. In no event shall an  
16 institution, club or place of accommodation be considered in its nature  
17 distinctly private if it has more than one hundred members, provides  
18 regular meal service and regularly receives payment for dues, fees, use  
19 of space, facilities, services, meals or beverages directly or indirect-  
20 ly from or on behalf of a nonmember for the furtherance of trade or  
21 business. An institution, club, or place of accommodation which is not  
22 deemed distinctly private pursuant to this subdivision may nevertheless  
23 apply such selective criteria as it chooses in the use of its facili-  
24 ties, in evaluating applicants for membership and in the conduct of its  
25 activities, so long as such selective criteria do not constitute discri-  
26 minatory practices under this article or any other provision of law. For  
27 the purposes of this section, a corporation incorporated under the  
28 benevolent orders law or described in the benevolent orders law but  
29 formed under any other law of this state or a religious corporation  
30 incorporated under the education law or the religious corporations law  
31 shall be deemed to be in its nature distinctly private AND IS NOT  
32 LICENSED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND IS NOT  
33 THE RECIPIENT OF ANY FORM OF ABATEMENT OR EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, IN WHOLE  
34 OR IN PART, FROM THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

35 No institution, club, organization or place of accommodation which  
36 sponsors or conducts any amateur athletic contest or sparring exhibition  
37 and advertises or bills such contest or exhibition as a New York state  
38 championship contest or uses the words "New York state" in its announce-  
39 ments shall be deemed a private exhibition within the meaning of this  
40 section.

41 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
42 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.