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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain text-books to reference the Sea of Japan as also the East Sea and to include information on "comfort women"

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding two new sections 706 and 707 to read as follows:

S 706. REFERENCE TO SEA OF JAPAN. ANY TEXT-BOOK APPROVED AND ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH REFERS TO THE SEA OF JAPAN SHALL NOTE THAT IT IS ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE EAST SEA.

S 707. COMFORT WOMEN. ANY TEXT-BOOK APPROVED AND ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE HISTORICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE "COMFORT WOMEN". SUCH TERM COLLECTIVELY REFERS TO THE ACQUISITION OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SEXUAL SERVITUDE FOR THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any text-books issued on and after July 1, 2014.

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

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