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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain signs relating to accessibility

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

Section 1. Section 20 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" FROM ANY SIGNS OR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WHERE SUCH WORD APPEARS. SUCH OFFICE SHALL FURTHER REQUIRE THAT ANYWHERE WHERE IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE CURRENT UNIVERSAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS OF FIGURE IN A WHEELCHAIR APPEAR THAT SUCH SIGNAGE FOR ACCESSIBILITY INSTEAD DEPICT A LOGO WITH A DYNAMIC CHARACTER LEANING FORWARD WITH A SENSE OF MOVEMENT. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO ANY NEW SIGNS BEING IMPLEMENTED ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 2. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 20 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The universal handicapped symbol shall be conspicuously displayed on the exterior of every omnibus equipped with a wheelchair lift which transports children with disabilities. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations regarding the size and location of such universal handicapped symbol. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY NEW SIGNAGE RELATING TO ACCESSIBILITY IMPLEMENTED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN WHICH AMENDED THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DEPICT A LOGO WITH A DYNAMIC CHARACTER LEANING FORWARD WITH A SENSE OF MOVEMENT.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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