STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. K. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to requiring certain security measures before state funds can be distributed digitally

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state technology law is amended by adding a new section 106-c to read as follows:

§ 106-c. Digital distribution of state funds. Any state agency, board, bureau, authority, commission, division, or other governmental entity performing a governmental or proprietary function for the state that allows for the digital distribution of state funds shall require a person to create an account with the governmental entity through which state funds can be distributed to such person. Such account shall have the following security features:

1. Verified account. (a) To create an account, a user shall provide and confirm the following information:

(i) the user's full name;

(ii) the user's physical residential address;

(iii) the user's date of birth;

(iv) at least two of the following:

(A) the user's social security number;

(B) the user's driver's license number;

(C) the user's United States passport number;

(D) the user's taxpayer identification number; or

(E) any other form of identification issued by a governmental entity approved by the office; and

(v) the user's email address or telephone number.

(b) The user's account shall have a unique username chosen by the user using rules approved by the office.

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

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(c) The governmental entity shall validate the information provided by the user to create such account is accurate.

2. Multi-factor authorization. To access an account made under subdivision one of this section, a user shall be required to use the user's username and two of the following methods of authentication to verify such user's identity:

(a) a password;

(b) answers to previously provided security questions;

(c) biometric data, including fingerprint, facial or voice recognition;

(d) an authorization code sent by phone call, text message or email to the appropriate contact information provided; or

(e) any other authorization types approved by the office.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. 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 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.