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

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to enacting the "quiet hour public spaces inclusion act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "quiet hour public spaces inclusion act".

§ 2. The public buildings law is amended by adding a new section 148 to read as follows:

§ 148. Quiet hour public spaces inclusion act. 1. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "covered public building" means a building owned by the state of New York, used for official state business, that is open to the public; and

(b) "quiet hour" means accommodations made for individuals with autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, sensory processing disorders and other related conditions during a designated time including:

(i) reduced lighting;

(ii) lower noise levels; and

(iii) limited use of loudspeakers and announcements.

2. Every covered public building shall offer designated quiet hours during normal business hours. Staff of such public buildings shall receive training on assisting individuals with sensory disabilities during such quiet hours.

3. Signage shall be posted within each covered public building and on the website of each public entity in such covered public building informing the public of scheduled quiet hours.

4. The commissioner of general services, in consultation with the commissioner of developmental disabilities and the commissioner of

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

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health, shall create and disseminate a model quiet hours policy for all covered public buildings in the state.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.