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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the readability of legal notices pertaining to consumer settlements and lawsuits

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-yyyyy to read as follows:

§ 399-yyyyy. Readability of certain legal notices. 1. For the purposes of this section, "legal notice" shall mean a letter sent to a prospective person regarding a class action lawsuit, class action settlement or notice of a potential financial claim.

2. Any legal notice sent to residents in the state of New York shall comply with the following:

(a) have a minimum twelve-point font;

(b) include a QR or website link directing a residents to a digital version of such legal notice which shall also include a large print version of such legal notice in sixteen-point font;

(c) provide a plain language summary in one paragraph of text that includes the following information:

(i) the nature of the legal notice;

(ii) who is eligible for such legal notice;

(iii) how a resident may make a claim in response to such legal notice; and

(iv) the response deadline.

3. Any person, entity or law firm who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be considered to have violated section three hundred forty-nine of this chapter and shall be subject to such remedies therein.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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