

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to including middle eastern and north African persons in the definition of "minority group member" for purposes of participation by minority group members and women with respect to state contracts

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 8 of section 310 of  
2 the executive law, as added by chapter 261 of the laws of 1988, are  
3 amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

4 (c) Native American or Alaskan native persons having origins in any of  
5 the original peoples of North America[-];

6 (d) Asian and Pacific Islander persons having origins in any of the  
7 Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the  
8 Pacific Islands[-];

9 (e) Middle Eastern and North African persons.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
11 the amendments to subdivision 8 of section 310 of the executive law made  
12 by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section  
13 and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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