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Introduced by M. of A. HOOPER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ALFANO, BARRA, CANESTRARI, EDDINGTON, GALEF, GREENE, PEOPLES, PHEFFER, J. RIVERA, TOWNS, WRIGHT, ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting discrimination against persons who perform volunteer services

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

Section 1. Section 292 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 34 to read as follows:

34. THE TERM "VOLUNTEER SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES PERFORMED WITHOUT REMUNERATION FOR ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL, CIVIC LEAGUE, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, FUND, FOUNDATION, INSTITUTION, HOME OR AGENCY, ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, HEALTH, AESTHETIC, ARTISTIC, RECREATIONAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, LITERARY, ELEEMOSYNARY OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OR FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROMOTE THE INFORMED PARTICIPATION OF CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT.

S 2. Section 296 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

21. IT SHALL BE AN UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE FOR ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL, CIVIC LEAGUE, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, FUND, FOUNDATION, INSTITUTION, HOME OR AGENCY, ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, HEALTH, AESTHETIC, ARTISTIC, RECREATIONAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, LITERARY, ELEEMOSYNARY OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OR FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROMOTE THE INFORMED PARTICIPATION OF CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT TO DISCRIMINATE IN THE TERMS, CONDITIONS OR PRIVILEGES OF SUCH ORGANIZATION AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO PERFORMS OR IS SEEKING TO PERFORM VOLUNTEER SERVICES THEREFOR ON THE BASIS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, DISABILITY OR MARITAL STATUS.

S 3. 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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