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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to reporting instances of  
governmental fraud and waste

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

- 1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 6-a to  
2 read as follows:  
3 S 6-A. REPORTING FRAUD AND WASTE. 1. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE LEGISLA-  
4 TURE TO IDENTIFY AND ROOT OUT ANY INSTANCES OF FRAUD OR WASTE IN THE  
5 OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR IN ANY OF THE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY,  
6 THROUGH OR UNDER A STATE AGENCY. THE INPUT OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE IS  
7 CRUCIAL IN IDENTIFYING SUCH INSTANCES OF FRAUD. THE GOVERNOR, THROUGH  
8 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, OPERATES A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE  
9 ON WHICH CITIZENS OF THE STATE MAY INFORM STATE OFFICIALS OF INSTANCES  
10 OF FRAUD OR WASTE. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PUBLICIZE THE  
11 AVAILABILITY OF THIS TOLL-FREE LINE SO AS TO ENCOURAGE ITS USE BY THE  
12 CITIZENS OF THE STATE.  
13 2. THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A PLAN  
14 TO PUBLICIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE TO REPORT  
15 INSTANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FRAUD AND WASTE. SUCH PLAN IS TO BE COMPLETED  
16 WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL  
17 INCLUDE METHODS OF DIRECT ADVERTISING THROUGH POSTINGS IN STATE OFFICES  
18 AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN  
19 THE BROADCAST MEDIA. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT  
20 OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON FORMS WHICH ARE CUSTOMARILY  
21 DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND ITS PUBLIC  
22 AUTHORITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION  
23 SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS LIMITING THE MEANS OR METHODS OF ADVERTISING THE  
24 EXISTENCE OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE.  
25 S 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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