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on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to eliminating the use of
the term "oriental" in documents utilized by state agencies, public
authorities and municipalities when referring to persons of Asian or
Pacific Islander heritage

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 170-b
2 to read as follows:
3 S 170-B. RACIAL REFERENCES CONTAINED IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL FORMS. NO
4 FORM OR PREPRINTED DOCUMENT UTILIZED BY A STATE AGENCY OR PUBLIC AUTHOR-
5 ITY OR BY A MUNICIPALITY SHALL USE THE TERM "ORIENTAL" TO IDENTIFY OR
6 DENOTE PERSONS OF ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE. ANY FORM OR
7 PREPRINTED DOCUMENT UTILIZING SUCH TERM SHALL BE AMENDED NO LATER THAN
8 JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN TO REPLACE THE TERM "ORIENTAL" WITH THE
9 TERM "ASIAN" OR TO OTHERWISE REFER TO SUCH PERSONS AS BEING ASIAN AND
10 PACIFIC ISLANDER PERSONS HAVING ORIGINS IN ANY OF THE FAR EAST COUN-
11 TRIES, SOUTH EAST ASIA, THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT OR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.
12 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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