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Introduced by M. of A. MENG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring state and municipal agencies, authorities, boards and commissions that collect demographic data as to the ancestry or origins of state residents to utilize a separate collection and tabulation category entitled "Asian or Pacific Islander" for the purpose of identifying persons having origins in any of the Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-c to read as follows:

S 170-C. RACIAL REFERENCES UTILIZED IN THE COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA. ANY STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY, AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION THAT COLLECTS DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AS TO THE ANCESTRY OR ORIGINS OF STATE RESIDENTS SHALL UTILIZE IN SUCH COLLECTION, AND IN ALL FORMS AND OTHER WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC MATERIALS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH COLLECTION, A SEPARATE COLLECTION AND TABULATION CATEGORY ENTITLED "ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER" FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING PERSONS HAVING ORIGINS IN ANY OF THE FAR EAST COUNTRIES, SOUTH EAST ASIA, THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT OR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

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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