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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring notice to the public of the use of certain additives

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2 396-gg to read as follows:  
3 S 396-GG. RESTAURANTS AND CATERERS; NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. 1. ANY  
4 RESTAURANT OR OTHER PLACE WHERE FOOD CONTAINING MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE IS  
5 PREPARED OR COOKED AND OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSUMPTION  
6 EITHER ON OR OFF THE PREMISES SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE USE OF SUCH ADDI-  
7 TIVE, EITHER ON MENUS GIVEN TO EACH CUSTOMER OR IN SUCH OTHER MANNER  
8 THAT THE NOTICE IS LIKELY TO BE SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD BY EACH CUSTOMER.  
9 2. WHENEVER THERE SHALL BE A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICATION  
10 MAY BE MADE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW YORK TO A COURT OR JUSTICE HAVING JURISDICTION BY A SPECIAL  
12 PROCEEDING TO ISSUE AN INJUNCTION, AND UPON NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT OF  
13 NOT LESS THAN FIVE DAYS, TO ENJOIN AND RESTRAIN THE CONTINUANCE OF SUCH  
14 VIOLATIONS; AND IF IT SHALL APPEAR TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COURT OR  
15 JUSTICE THAT THE RESPONDENT HAS, IN FACT, VIOLATED THIS SECTION, AN  
16 INJUNCTION MAY BE ISSUED BY SUCH COURT OR JUSTICE, ENJOINING AND  
17 RESTRAINING ANY FURTHER VIOLATION, WITHOUT REQUIRING PROOF THAT ANY  
18 PERSON HAS, IN FACT, BEEN INJURED OR DAMAGED THEREBY. WHENEVER THE  
19 COURT SHALL DETERMINE THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED, THE  
20 COURT MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY THAT SUCH  
21 VIOLATION OCCURS, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TOTAL PENALTY THEREFOR  
22 EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUCH APPLICATION,  
23 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE PROOF AND MAKE A DETERMI-  
24 NATION OF THE RELEVANT FACTS AND TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
25 THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES.  
26 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
27 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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