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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 6-a to read as follows:

S 6-A. REPORTING FRAUD AND WASTE. 1. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO IDENTIFY AND ROOT OUT ANY INSTANCES OF FRAUD OR WASTE IN THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR IN ANY OF THE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY, THROUGH OR UNDER A STATE AGENCY. THE INPUT OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE IS CRUCIAL IN IDENTIFYING SUCH INSTANCES OF FRAUD. THE GOVERNOR, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, OPERATES A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE ON WHICH CITIZENS OF THE STATE MAY INFORM STATE OFFICIALS OF INSTANCES OF FRAUD OR WASTE. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS TOLL-FREE LINE SO AS TO ENCOURAGE ITS USE BY THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE.

2. THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PUBLICIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE TO REPORT INSTANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FRAUD AND WASTE. SUCH PLAN IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL INCLUDE METHODS OF DIRECT ADVERTISING THROUGH POSTINGS IN STATE OFFICES AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE BROADCAST MEDIA. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON FORMS WHICH ARE CUSTOMARILY DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND ITS PUBLIC AUTHORITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS LIMITING THE MEANS OR METHODS OF ADVERTISING THE EXISTENCE OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE.

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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