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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the abandoned property law and the state technology law, in relation to unclaimed funds

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1402 of the abandoned property  
2     law, as added by chapter 261 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     1. (a) [The state comptroller shall publish:  
5     (i) in an issue of the state bulletin published in the month of  
6     September, nineteen hundred seventy-nine or in a September, nineteen  
7     hundred seventy-nine issue of another publication selected by the comp-  
8     troller, a statement of abandoned property paid to and held by the state  
9     for the period beginning on June first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight  
10    and ending on November thirtieth, nineteen hundred seventy-eight;  
11    (ii) in an issue of the state bulletin published in the month of  
12    March, nineteen hundred eighty, or in a March issue of another publica-  
13    tion selected by the comptroller, a statement of abandoned property paid  
14    to and held by the state for the period beginning on December first,  
15    nineteen hundred seventy-eight and ending on May thirty-first, nineteen  
16    hundred seventy-nine.  
17    (b) In each succeeding] EACH September and March, the state comp-  
18    troller shall publish[, in the manner provided for in paragraph (a) of  
19    this subdivision] IN A NEWSPAPER, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION ONE THOUSAND  
20    FOUR HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE, A STATEMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY PAID  
21    TO AND HELD BY THE STATE, for the respective annual periods June first,  
22    through November thirtieth and December first, through May thirty-first.  
23    (B) EACH AND EVERY TIME THE COMPTROLLER PUBLISHES A STATEMENT PURSUANT  
24    TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, HE OR SHE SHALL INCLUDE A NOTICE

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

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1 THAT READERS MAY OBTAIN A LARGE PRINT COPY OF THE UNCLAIMED FUNDS LIST  
2 BY WRITING THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE OR HAVE A SEARCH CONDUCTED FOR THEM  
3 BY CALLING A DESIGNATED NUMBER. THIS NOTICE MUST APPEAR IN TYPEFACE AND  
4 FONT-SIZE ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY TO  
5 ASSIST THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND INCLUDE THE PHONE NUMBER AND MAILING  
6 ADDRESS TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, OFFICE OF  
7 UNCLAIMED FUNDS.

8 (c) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to abandoned  
9 property paid pursuant to section one thousand three hundred of this  
10 chapter or section four hundred twenty-four of the vehicle and traffic  
11 law.

12 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1416 of the abandoned property law, as  
13 added by chapter 173 of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:

14 1. No agreement to locate property held by the comptroller pursuant to  
15 this chapter shall be valid unless that agreement:

16 (a) is in writing and signed by the property owner;

17 (b) discloses the nature of the property; [and]

18 (c) discloses the name and address of the holder; AND

19 (D) INCLUDES LANGUAGE, ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER, STATING  
20 THAT THE FUNDS HELD BY THE STATE CAN BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM THE  
21 OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER BY ITS OWNER WITHOUT PAYING A FEE AND THAT  
22 THESE FUNDS WILL BE HELD INDEFINITELY.

23 S 3. Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by adding a  
24 new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

25 18. TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSION ON THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HAND-  
26 ICAPPED TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR TYPEFACE AND  
27 FONT SIZE TO ASSIST THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

28 S 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
29 have become a law.