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Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the banking law, the general business law, the social services law and the insurance law, in relation to a braille option for all identifications cards

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

Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 3 to read as follows:

S 3. BRAILLE OPTION FOR ALL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ISSUE DEBIT, CREDIT OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION CARDS SHALL, UPON REQUEST, SUPPLY A CUSTOMER WITH A CARD THAT HAS EITHER ALL INFORMATION WRITTEN IN BRAILLE OR IN BOTH BRAILLE AND PRINT.

S 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 397-b to read as follows:

S 397-B. BRAILLE OPTION FOR ALL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ISSUE DEBIT, CREDIT, HEALTH OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION CARDS SHALL, UPON REQUEST, SUPPLY A CUSTOMER WITH A CARD THAT HAS EITHER ALL INFORMATION WRITTEN IN BRAILLE OR IN BOTH BRAILLE AND PRINT.

S 3. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 24 to read as follows:

S 24. BRAILLE OPTION FOR ALL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. ANY AND ALL CARDS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, UPON REQUEST, SUPPLY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A CARD THAT HAS EITHER ALL INFORMATION WRITTEN IN BRAILLE OR IN BOTH BRAILLE AND PRINT.

S 4. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 313 to read as follows:

S 313. BRAILLE OPTION FOR ALL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. ANY AND ALL INSTITUTIONS THAT ISSUE HEALTH OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION CARDS SHALL, UPON REQUEST, SUPPLY A CUSTOMER WITH A CARD THAT HAS EITHER ALL INFORMATION WRITTEN IN BRAILLE OR IN BOTH BRAILLE AND PRINT.

S 5. 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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