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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Galef) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the vehicle and traffic law, in
relation to the use of the word "handicapped" and the universal symbol
of access

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 101 to
2 read as follows:

3 S 101. ACCESSIBILITY, RULES AND REGULATIONS. 1. THE SECRETARY OF
4 STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY HE OR SHE DEEMS
5 NECESSARY, SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
6 REMOVE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" FROM ANY SIGNS OR OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNI-
7 CATION WHERE SUCH WORD APPEARS.

8 2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY
9 HE OR SHE DEEMS NECESSARY, SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECES-
10 SARY TO REQUIRE THAT WHEREVER THE CURRENT UNIVERSAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS OF
11 A FIGURE IN A WHEELCHAIR APPEARS SUCH SYMBOL SHALL INSTEAD DEPICT A LOGO
12 WITH A DYNAMIC CHARACTER LEANING FORWARD WITH A SENSE OF MOVEMENT. SUCH
13 LOGO SHALL BE READILY IDENTIFIABLE, SIMPLY DESIGNED WITH NO SECONDARY
14 MEANING, AND PROVIDE FOR EQUIVALENT FACILITATION AND ACCESSIBILITY AS
15 THE CURRENT UNIVERSAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVI-
16 SION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO ANY NEW SIGNS BEING INSTALLED OR REPLACED ON
17 AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND
18 FOURTEEN WHICH ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION.

19 S 2. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 20 of section 375
20 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of
21 1992, is amended to read as follows:

22 (2) The universal handicapped symbol shall be conspicuously displayed
23 on the exterior of every omnibus equipped with a wheelchair lift which
24 transports children with disabilities. The commissioner shall promulgate
25 regulations regarding the size and location of such universal hand-
26 icapped symbol. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY NEW SIGNAGE
27 RELATING TO ACCESSIBILITY INSTALLED OR REPLACED ON OR AFTER THE EFFEC-

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

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1 TIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN WHICH
2 AMENDED THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DEPICT THE LOGO PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY
3 OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.

4 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
5 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
6 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
7 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
8 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
9 effective date.