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AN ACT to amend the executive law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain signs relating to accessibility and related rules and regulations

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 101
2 to 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
12 LOGO WITH A DYNAMIC CHARACTER LEANING FORWARD WITH A SENSE OF MOVEMENT.
13 SUCH LOGO SHALL BE READILY IDENTIFIABLE, SIMPLY DESIGNED WITH NO SECOND-
14 ARY MEANING, AND PROVIDE FOR EQUIVALENT FACILITATION AND ACCESSIBILITY
15 AS THE CURRENT UNIVERSAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDI-
16 VISION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO ANY NEW SIGNS BEING INSTALLED OR REPLACED ON
17 AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.
18 S 2. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 20 of section 375
19 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of
20 1992, is amended to read as follows:
21 (2) The universal handicapped symbol shall be conspicuously displayed
22 on the exterior of every omnibus equipped with a wheelchair lift which
23 transports children with disabilities. The commissioner shall promulgate
24 regulations regarding the size and location of such universal hand-

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

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1 icapped symbol. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY NEW SIGNAGE
2 RELATING TO ACCESSIBILITY INSTALLED OR REPLACED ON OR AFTER THE EFFEC-
3 TIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN WHICH
4 AMENDED THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DEPICT THE LOGO PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY
5 OF STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.
6 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
7 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
8 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
9 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
10 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
11 effective date.