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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, COLTON, COOK, PAULIN, GALEF, SCHIMEL, ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, GOTTFRIED, LENTOL, PERRY, RIVERA, ROBINSON, TITONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to access to public agency records that contain information about materials, processes or actions that may cause harm to the public health or safety, or the environment

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

Section 1. Section 89 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, AN AGENCY MAY PROVIDE ACCESS TO RECORDS DETERMINED BY SUCH AGENCY TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RECORDS OR PORTIONS THEREOF THAT CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT MATERIALS, PROCESSES OR ACTIONS THAT MAY CAUSE HARM TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY, OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

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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