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BARRETT, STECK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GOTTFRIED, PERRY,  
THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental  
Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as  
amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to broadcasting  
open meetings of an agency or department

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

1     Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision (f) to read as follows:  
3     (F) OPEN MEETINGS OF AN AGENCY SHALL BE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND  
4     WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDS, BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC AND MAINTAINED AS  
5     RECORDS OF THE AGENCY. IF THE AGENCY MAINTAINS A WEBSITE AND UTILIZES A  
6     HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION, SUCH OPEN MEETING SHALL BE, TO THE  
7     EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDS, STREAMED ON SUCH WEBSITE  
8     IN REAL-TIME, AND POSTED ON SUCH WEBSITE WITHIN AND FOR A REASONABLE  
9     TIME AFTER THE MEETING. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM  
10    "AGENCY" SHALL MEAN ONLY A STATE DEPARTMENT, BOARD, BUREAU, DIVISION,  
11    COUNCIL OR OFFICE AND ANY PUBLIC CORPORATION THE MAJORITY OF WHOSE  
12    MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
14    have become a law.

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

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