

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to prohibiting the  
payment of any claim for travel to, from and/or within certain states  
that allow for profit businesses to assert a right of free exercise of  
religion

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 109 of the state finance law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-a. The comptroller shall not draw his or her warrant for the payment  
4 of any claim or voucher submitted for any expense, including the payment  
5 of any per diem allowance, incurred for any travel to, from and/or with-  
6 in any state which, by law, authorizes for profit businesses to invoke  
7 the free exercise of religion as a defense to a cause of action  
8 commenced by an individual, group of individuals or non-governmental  
9 entity for wrongful discrimination. The prohibition established in this  
10 subdivision shall not apply to any travel which is necessary to enforce  
11 any provisions of law of this state, to comply with any contractual  
12 obligation of the state or to protect public safety.

13 § 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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