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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL, SCHIMMINGER, STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to the development and creation of distributed ledger technology and business entities that develop such technology

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 8 and 23 of section 352 of the economic development law, as amended by section 1 of part K of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, are amended to read as follows:

2 8. "Financial services data centers or financial services customer  
3 back office operations" means operations that manage the data or  
4 accounts of existing customers or provide product or service information  
5 and support to customers of financial services companies, including  
6 banks, other lenders, securities and commodities brokers and dealers,  
7 investment banks, portfolio managers, trust offices, [~~and~~] insurance  
8 companies, and financial technology companies that develop distributed  
9 ledger technology. For purposes of this subdivision "distributed ledger  
10 technology" means a mathematically secured, chronological, and decen-  
11 tralized consensus ledger or database, whether maintained via internet  
12 interaction, peer-to-peer network, or otherwise used to authenticate,  
13 record, share and synchronize transactions in their respective electron-  
14 ic ledgers or databases.

15 23. "Software development" means the creation of distributed ledger  
16 technology, coded computer instructions or production or post-production  
17 of video games, as defined in subdivision one-a of section six hundred  
18 eleven of the general business law, other than those embedded and used  
19 exclusively in advertising, promotional websites or microsites, and also  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscoring) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 includes new media as defined by the commissioner in regulations. For  
2 purposes of this subdivision "distributed ledger technology" means a  
3 mathematically secured, chronological, and decentralized consensus  
4 ledger or database, whether maintained via internet interaction, peer-  
5 to-peer network, or otherwise used to authenticate, record, share and  
6 synchronize transactions in their respective electronic ledgers or data-  
7 bases.

8 § 2. Section 354 of the economic development law is amended by adding  
9 a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

10 6. The commissioner shall strive to ensure that there is participation  
11 on a broad regional geographic basis within the program and outreach to  
12 all eligible industries defined in section three hundred fifty-two of  
13 this article. The commissioner shall also promote diverse ownership and  
14 workforces of participating businesses through outreach to businesses  
15 owned by people with disabilities as defined under subdivision twenty-  
16 one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law or subdivi-  
17 sions three and twenty-two of section 1.03 of the the mental hygiene  
18 law, minority- and women-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses  
19 in those industries where their participation is not currently preva-  
20 lent.

21 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.