# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

March 11, 2019

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting the use of social media websites for the purposes of collecting debts

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

Section 1. Section 601 of the general business law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

**12. Use a social networking website as a means to collect on a consumer claim from a debtor. For purposes of this subdivision, "social networking website" means an internet-based service that allows individuals to: (a) construct a public or semi-public profile within a bounded system, created by the service; (b) create a list of other users with whom they share a connection within the system; and (c) view and navigate their list of connections and those made by others within the system. Provided, however, that "social networking website" shall not include electronic mail (e-mail).**

§ 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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