

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the collection of certain demographic information by certain state agencies, boards and commissions

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-c  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 170-c. Collection of demographic information. 1. Every state agen-  
4 cy, board, or commission that directly or by contract collects demo-  
5 graphic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of residents of the  
6 state of New York shall use separate collection categories and tabu-  
7 lations for sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

8 2. The term "gender identity or expression" means having or being  
9 perceived as having a gender identity, self-image, appearance, behavior  
10 or expression whether or not that gender identity, self-image, appear-  
11 ance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally asso-  
12 ciated with the sex assigned to that person at birth.

13 3. The data collected pursuant to the different collection categories  
14 and tabulations described in subdivision one of this section shall be  
15 included in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of  
16 residents of the state of New York by the state agency, board, or  
17 commission published or released on or after July first, in the calendar  
18 year following the effective date of this section. The data shall be  
19 made available to the public in accordance with state and federal law,  
20 except for personal identifying information, which shall be deemed  
21 confidential, by posting the data on the internet web site of the agency  
22 on or before July first, in the calendar year following the effective  
23 date of this section, and annually thereafter. This subdivision shall  
24 not be construed to prevent any other state agency from posting data

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

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1 collected pursuant to subdivision one of this section on the agency's  
2 internet web site, in the manner prescribed by this section.  
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law.