

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 6, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to requiring that all single-occupancy bathrooms in state-owned or operated buildings be designated as gender neutral

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

1 Section 1. Section 145 of the public buildings law, as added by a  
2 chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the public buildings law relating  
3 to requiring that all single occupancy bathrooms in state owned or oper-  
4 ated buildings be designated as gender neutral, as proposed in legisla-  
5 tive bills numbers S. 5922 and A. 109, is amended to read as follows:

6 § 145. Gender neutral [~~single occupancy~~] single-occupancy bathrooms.  
7 [~~The commissioner of general services shall have the power and it shall~~  
8 ~~be his or her duty to ensure that all single occupancy bathrooms in~~  
9 ~~state owned or operated buildings be designated as gender neutral single~~  
10 ~~occupancy bathrooms. For purposes of this section: "state owned or~~  
11 ~~operated buildings" shall mean any state owned property used for offi-~~  
12 ~~cial state business, and shall include any building or office space, not~~  
13 ~~owned by the state, but which is primarily used for official state busi-~~  
14 ~~ness, and "single occupancy" shall mean intended for use by no more than~~  
15 ~~one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use.] 1. As used in  
16 this section:~~

17 (a) "state agency" means any state department, office, board, bureau,  
18 commission, agency, or any public authority or public benefit corpo-  
19 ration at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor.

20 (b) "state-owned building" means any building owned by a state agency  
21 used for official state business.

22 (c) "state-leased building" means any building or portion of any  
23 building leased by a state agency for office or residential occupancy.

24 (d) "single-occupancy bathroom" means a bathroom intended for use by  
25 no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use and  
26 which has a door for entry into and egress from the bathroom that may be  
27 locked by the occupant to ensure privacy and security.

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

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1 2. Each state agency shall ensure that all single-occupancy bathrooms  
2 under its jurisdiction be designated as gender neutral in state-owned  
3 buildings and, where practicable, in state-leased buildings.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
5 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the public buildings  
6 law relating to requiring that all single occupancy bathrooms in state  
7 owned or operated buildings be designated as gender neutral, as proposed  
8 in legislative bills numbers S. 5922 and A. 109, takes effect.