

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

July 10, 2020

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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 directing the state board of law examiners to administer an online examination for persons applying for admission to practice as attorneys and counsellors-at-law in this state

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

1     Section 1. The legislature finds that as a result of the circumstances  
2     surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unclear whether the state board  
3     of law examiners will be able to safely administer a two-day, in-person  
4     New York state bar examination as scheduled or at any later date in  
5     calendar year 2020. The New York state board of law examiners shall  
6     conduct a two-day bar examination on September 9th and 10th to be admin-  
7     istered remotely in an online format. Additional information regarding  
8     delivery of the online bar exam, including plans for proctoring, shall  
9     be provided by the state board of law examiners to applicants, law  
10    schools, bar review courses and other interested parties by August 3,  
11    2020.  
12    § 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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