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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SIMON, GALEF, GOTTFRIED, JACOBSON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GIGLIO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT the amend the general business law, in relation to denial of access to an employee toilet facility

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

- 1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 2 494 to read as follows:
- § 494. Denial of access. 1. The consumer protection division, as 4 established in section ninety-four-a of the executive law, shall have 5 the power and duty:
  - (a) to receive complaints from any individual that has been denied access to an employee toilet facility in violation of this article;
    - (b) to attempt to mediate such complaints where appropriate; and
- 9 (c) to refer such complaints to the appropriate unit of the department 10 or the federal, state or other agency authorized by law for appropriate 11 action on such complaints.
- 2. Any county, city or town office of consumer protection shall have the power and duty:
- 14 (a) to receive complaints from any individual that has been denied 15 access to an employee toilet facility in violation of this article;
  - (b) to attempt to mediate such complaints where appropriate; and
- 17 (c) to refer such complaints to the appropriate unit of the department
- 18 <u>or the federal, state or other agency authorized by law for appropriate</u> 19 <u>action on such complaints.</u>
- 20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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