

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

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.