

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to discounted admission and memberships for certain individuals

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

1 Section 1. Section 396-cc of the general business law, as added by
2 chapter 556 of the laws of 1998, is renumbered section 396-ccc and a new
3 section 396-cccc is added to read as follows:

4 § 396-cccc. Discounted admission and memberships for disabled individ-
5 uals. 1. (a) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association,
6 or agent or employee thereof, which offers, in the regular course of
7 business, an established senior citizen, student or veteran discount on
8 the price of admission or membership thereto, shall offer a discount on
9 the price of admission or membership to disabled individuals.

10 (b) The price of admission or membership for such disabled individual
11 discount shall be equal to the lowest discount price offered by such
12 person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or agent or
13 employee thereof to another category of individuals.

14 (c) An admission or membership purchased with a disabled individual
15 discount pursuant to this section shall include free admission for the
16 caregiver accompanying such disabled individual. If a disabled individ-
17 ual discounted admission or membership is available for purchase on the
18 website of a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or
19 agent or employee thereof, such website shall include an option to iden-
20 tify the caregiver of a disabled individual to receive the free admis-
21 sion pursuant to this paragraph. If a disabled individual discounted
22 admission or membership is available for purchase at the box office of a
23 person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or agent or
24 employee thereof, such box office shall conspicuously advertise an
25 option to identify the caregiver of a disabled individual to receive the
26 free admission pursuant to this paragraph.

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

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1 2. (a) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or
2 agent or employee thereof, which offers, in the regular course of busi-
3 ness, an established senior citizen, student, veteran or disabled indi-
4 vidual discount on the price of admission or membership thereto shall
5 conspicuously advertise the availability and price of such discount at
6 the box office and website of such person, firm, partnership, corpo-
7 ration, or association, or agent or employee thereof. The availability
8 and price of such discount shall also be conspicuously advertised on the
9 accessibility page of the website of such person, firm, partnership,
10 corporation, or association, or agent or employee thereof.

11 (b) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or
12 agent or employee thereof, which offers, in the regular course of busi-
13 ness, or utilizes a pay-as-you-wish policy on the price of admission or
14 membership thereto shall conspicuously advertise such policy at the box
15 office and website of such person, firm, partnership, corporation, or
16 association, or agent or employee thereof. Such policy shall also be
17 conspicuously advertised on the accessibility page of the website of
18 such person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, or agent or
19 employee thereof.

20 3. As used in this section the following terms have the following
21 meanings:

22 (a) "Disabled individual" means a person with a disability, as defined
23 in subdivision twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of the exec-
24 utive law.

25 (b) "Caregiver" means the person who normally provides the daily care
26 or supervision of a disabled individual.

27 (c) "Pay-as-you-wish policy" means a pricing strategy where the buyer
28 determines what price such buyer will pay for a commodity.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
30 have become a law.