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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to unlawful discriminatory practices

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 292 of the executive law, as 2 amended by chapter 89 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as 3 follows:

3 9. The term "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" shall include, regardless of whether the owner or operator of such place is a state or local government entity or a private individual or entity, 7 except as hereinafter specified, all places included in the meaning of such terms as: inns, taverns, road houses, hotels, motels, whether 9 conducted for the entertainment of transient guests or for the accommodation of those seeking health, recreation or rest, or restaurants, or 10 11 eating houses, or any place where food is sold for consumption on the 12 premises; buffets, saloons, barrooms, or any store, park or enclosure 13 where spirituous or malt liquors are sold; ice cream parlors, confec-14 tionaries, soda fountains, and all stores where ice cream, ice and fruit 15 preparations or their derivatives, or where beverages of any kind are retailed for consumption on the premises; wholesale and retail stores and establishments dealing with goods or services of any kind, dispen-17 saries, clinics, hospitals, bath-houses, swimming pools, laundries and 18 all other cleaning establishments, barber shops, beauty parlors, thea-19 20 tres, motion picture houses, airdromes, roof gardens, music halls, race 21 courses, skating rinks, amusement and recreation parks, trailer camps, 22 resort camps, fairs, bowling alleys, golf courses, gymnasiums, shooting 23 galleries, billiard and pool parlors; garages, all public conveyances 24 operated on land or water or in the air, as well as the stations and 25 terminals thereof; travel or tour advisory services, agencies or

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

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1 bureaus; public halls, public rooms, public elevators, and any public areas of any building or structure; institutions, clubs or places of accommodation which are licensed by the state or any of its political 3 4 subdivisions, or are the recipients of any form of abatement or exemption from taxes, in whole or in part, from the state or any of its political subdivisions. Such term shall not include kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, high schools, academies, colleges and 7 universities, extension courses, and all educational institutions under 9 the supervision of the regents of the state of New York; any such 10 kindergarten, primary and secondary school, academy, college, universi-11 ty, professional school, extension course or other education facility, supported in whole or in part by public funds or by contributions solic-12 13 ited from the general public; or any institution, club or place of 14 accommodation which proves that it is in its nature distinctly private. 15 In no event shall an institution, club or place of accommodation be 16 considered in its nature distinctly private if it has more than one 17 hundred members, provides regular meal service and regularly receives payment for dues, fees, use of space, facilities, services, meals or 18 beverages directly or indirectly from or on behalf of a nonmember for 19 20 the furtherance of trade or business. An institution, club, or place of 21 accommodation which is not deemed distinctly private pursuant to this subdivision may nevertheless apply such selective criteria as it chooses 22 in the use of its facilities, in evaluating applicants for membership 23 24 and in the conduct of its activities, so long as such selective criteria 25 do not constitute discriminatory practices under this article or any other provision of law. For the purposes of this section, a corporation 27 incorporated under the benevolent orders law or described in the benevo-28 lent orders law but formed under any other law of this state and that is 29 not licensed by the state or any of its political subdivisions and is not the recipient of any form of abatement or exemption from taxes, in 30 31 whole or in part, from the state or any of its political subdivisions, 32 or a religious corporation incorporated under the education law or the 33 religious corporations law shall be deemed to be in its nature distinct-34 ly private. 35

No institution, club, organization or place of accommodation which sponsors or conducts any amateur athletic contest or sparring exhibition and advertises or bills such contest or exhibition as a New York state championship contest or uses the words "New York state" in its announcements shall be deemed a private exhibition within the meaning of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.