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Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, BIAGGI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to a gender-neutral marker on all benefits applications

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

Section 1. Section 79-q of the civil rights law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. All application materials, instructions, public guidance, and related materials associated with a benefits application process, including electronic and online materials and applications shall be amended and updated to clarify that any person can select or indicate a gender or sex designation of "x" when such information is requested. The content of the gender or sex field shall not delay or otherwise hinder access to services for any applicant.

§ 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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