

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 6, 2021

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:

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

3 2-a. All application materials, instructions, public guidance, and  
4 related materials associated with a benefits application process,  
5 including electronic and online materials and applications shall be  
6 amended and updated to clarify that any person can select or indicate a  
7 gender or sex designation of "x" when such information is requested. The  
8 content of the gender or sex field shall not delay or otherwise hinder  
9 access to services for any applicant.

10 § 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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