

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rajkumar) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations --  
committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and  
recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the New  
York Asian American and Pacific Islander commission

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 295-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 295-a. New York Asian American and Pacific Islander commission. 1.

4 (a) There is hereby established within the division the New York Asian  
5 American and Pacific Islander commission. The commission shall consist  
6 of thirteen members representative of Asian American and Pacific Islan-  
7 der communities which may include, but not be limited to: the Banglade-  
8 shi, Bhutanese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian,  
9 Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Pakistani,  
10 Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, and Vietnamese communities.  
11 Such members shall have experience advocating on behalf of their commu-  
12 nity, and shall be appointed as follows:

13 (1) seven members shall be appointed by the governor;

14 (2) three members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the  
15 senate; and

16 (3) three members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly.  
17 The commissioner shall serve as chair of the commission.

18 (b) Each member of the commission shall serve a term of three years,  
19 except that in making the first appointments to the commission, four  
20 members shall be appointed to serve for one year, four for two years,  
21 and five for three years. The first appointments made by the temporary  
22 president of the senate and speaker of the assembly shall be allocated  
23 equally between the three terms of service. The first appointments made  
24 by the governor shall be as follows: two members shall be appointed to  
25 serve for one year, two members shall be appointed to serve for two  
26 years, and three members shall be appointed to serve for three years.

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

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1 The members shall be eligible for reappointment and shall serve until  
2 their successors are appointed and qualified, and the term of the  
3 successor of any incumbent shall be calculated from the expiration of  
4 the term of that incumbent. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration  
5 of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment,  
6 but for the unexpired term only.

7 (c) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a  
8 quorum for the purpose of conducting the business thereof and a majority  
9 vote of all the members in office shall be necessary for action.

10 2. The commission shall:

11 (a) develop policies to improve the community, economic and social  
12 well-being, and the health and educational needs important to Asian  
13 American and Pacific Islander communities in the state;

14 (b) develop and coordinate statewide programs, recognizing the contin-  
15 uing contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals in  
16 the state;

17 (c) create and implement public education campaigns regarding Asian  
18 American and Pacific Islander issues and culture;

19 (d) increase the awareness among Asian American and Pacific Islander  
20 individuals of state and local resources that may benefit Asian American  
21 and Pacific Islander individuals and communities as a whole; and

22 (e) undertake any other activities the commission deems necessary and  
23 applicable to support Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in  
24 the state.

25 3. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but  
26 they shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses  
27 incurred in the performance of their duties. The division may provide  
28 the commission with such staff, equipment, and facilities as it may  
29 need.

30 4. The commission shall submit an annual report on its activities to  
31 the governor and the legislature.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.