STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

August 12, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Epstein) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to requiring gender neutral bathrooms in state-owned buildings

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 145 of the public buildings law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2020, is amended, subdivision 1 is amended by adding a new paragraph (e), and two new subdivisions 1-a and 3 are added to read as follows:

Gender neutral [~~single-occupancy~~] bathrooms.

(e) "multiple-occupancy bathroom" means a room or suite of rooms containing at least one sink and at least two sanitary fixtures, such as toilets or urinals, intended for simultaneous use by two or more occupants.

1-a. All state-owned buildings and, where practicable, state-leased buildings shall include gender neutral bathrooms.

3. When a state agency is unable to comply with subdivision two of this section, such state agency shall ensure that there is at least one gender neutral multiple-occupancy bathroom in the state-owned buildings under its jurisdiction and, where practicable, in the state-leased buildings under its jurisdiction.

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

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

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