STATE OF NEW YORK

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Extraordinary Session

IN ASSEMBLY

July 1, 2022

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 11 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to equal protection

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 11 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 11. **a.** No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, **ethnicity, national origin, age, disability,** creed [~~or~~]**,** religion, **or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy,** be subjected to any discrimination in [~~his or her~~] **their** civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state**, pursuant to law**.

b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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