

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting debt collectors from attempting to collect debts using social media platforms

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 601 of the general business law is amended by
- 2 adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:
- 3 12. Join or request to join a consumer's social media network, or
- 4 communicate or attempt to communicate with a debtor using a social media
- 5 platform for the purpose of collecting or attempting to collect a debt
- 6 owed by such debtor.
- 7 § 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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