STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to including gender equality in the social and economic equity plan of the New York state cannabis control board

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subdivision 2 of section 87 of the cannabis law are amended and a new paragraph (g) is added to read as follows:

(e) distressed farmers, as defined in subdivision five of this section; [~~and~~]

(f) service-disabled veterans[~~.~~]**; and**

(g) transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 87 of the cannabis law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(h) "Transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary individuals" shall mean any person who has a gender identity or expression different from the sex assigned to that individual at birth.

§ 3. 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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