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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, BIAGGI -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the education law, in  
relation to prohibiting the selling or displaying of symbols of hate

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 99-x to read as follows:

3 § 99-x. Prohibit symbols of hate. 1. A municipal corporation shall  
4 not sell or display any symbols of hate or any similar image, or tangi-  
5 ble personal property, inscribed with such an image unless the image  
6 appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or otherwise serves an educa-  
7 tional or historical purpose.

8 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "symbols of hate" shall  
9 include, but not be limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi  
10 ideology or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

11 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section  
12 209-gg to read as follows:

13 § 209-gg. Symbols of hate. 1. A fire district, volunteer fire compa-  
14 ny, or police department shall not sell or display any symbols of hate  
15 or any similar image, or tangible personal property, inscribed with such  
16 an image unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or  
17 otherwise serves an educational or historical purpose.

18 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "symbols of hate" shall  
19 include, but not be limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi  
20 ideology or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

21 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 1527-a to  
22 read as follows:

23 § 1527-a. Prohibit symbols of hate. 1. A school district shall not  
24 sell or display any symbols of hate or any similar image, or tangible  
25 personal property, inscribed with such an image unless the image appears

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

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2 historical purpose.

3 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "symbols of hate" shall  
4 include, but not be limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi  
5 ideology or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

6 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.