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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of human rights to develop an anti-bias and inclusion training program

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 296-e
2 to read as follows:

3 § 296-e. Anti-bias and inclusion training program. 1. The division
4 shall develop a training program for all employees of the office of
5 parks, recreation and historic preservation, the Olympic regional devel-
6 opment authority, and the department of environmental conservation and
7 all private contractors working for the state at such agencies who
8 perform public-facing functions. For purposes of this section the term
9 "public-facing function" shall mean job functions that require inter-
10 action and communication with the public.

11 2. All employees and private contractors described in subdivision one
12 of this section shall complete such training program biannually.

13 3. Such anti-bias and inclusion training program shall include, but
14 shall not be limited to: (a) general discussions about diversity and
15 bias, including unconscious bias; (b) tools to create an inclusive and
16 respectful work environment; (c) examination of employee's own personal
17 biases; and (d) identification of ways to respond to discrimination and
18 bias.

19 4. The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations as he or she
20 deems necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this
21 section.

22 § 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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