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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to requiring public bodies to post video recordings of open meetings

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (f) of section 103 of the public officers law,
2 as amended by chapter 319 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (f) Open meetings of [~~an agency or authority~~] a public body shall be,
5 to the extent practicable and within available funds, broadcast to the
6 public and maintained as records of the [~~agency or authority~~] public
7 body. If the [~~agency or authority~~] public body maintains a website and
8 utilizes a high speed internet connection, such open meeting shall be,
9 to the extent practicable and within available funds, streamed on or
10 available through such website in real-time, and video recording of such
11 open meeting shall be posted on such website within five business days
12 of the meeting and for a reasonable time after the meeting and such
13 recordings shall be maintained for a period of not less than five years.

14 [~~For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "agency" shall mean only~~
15 ~~a state department, board, bureau, division, council or office and any~~
16 ~~public corporation the majority of whose members are appointed by the~~
17 ~~governor. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "authority" shall~~
18 ~~mean a public authority or public benefit corporation created by or~~
19 ~~existing under any state law, at least one of whose members is appointed~~
20 ~~by the governor (including any subsidiaries of such public authority or~~
21 ~~public benefit corporation), other than an interstate or international~~
22 ~~authority or public benefit corporation.~~]

23 § 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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