

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

December 15, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to ensure the inclusion of lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals in the award of adult-use cannabis licenses

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 87 of the cannabis law is amended  
2 to read as follows:  
3 2. The board's social and economic equity plan shall also promote  
4 diversity in commerce, ownership and employment, and opportunities for  
5 social and economic equity in the adult-use cannabis industry. A goal  
6 shall be established to award fifty percent of adult-use cannabis  
7 licenses to social and economic equity applicants and ensure inclusion  
8 of:  
9 (a) individuals from communities disproportionately impacted by the  
10 enforcement of cannabis prohibition;  
11 (b) minority-owned businesses;  
12 (c) women-owned businesses;  
13 (d) minority and women-owned businesses, as defined in paragraph (d)  
14 of subdivision five of this section;  
15 (e) distressed farmers, as defined in subdivision five of this  
16 section; ~~and~~  
17 (f) service-disabled veterans; and  
18 (g) lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals.  
19 § 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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