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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, RAGA, LEVENBERG, BURDICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to requiring gender neutral bathrooms in state-owned buildings

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 145 of the public buildings law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2020, is amended, subdivision 1 is amended by adding a new paragraph (e), and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

Gender neutral [single-occupancy] bathrooms.

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- (e) "multiple-occupancy bathroom" means a room or suite of rooms 7 containing at least one sink and at least two sanitary fixtures, such as 8 toilets or urinals, intended for simultaneous use by two or more occupants.
- 10 3. Each state agency shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that all 11 state-owned and state-leased buildings under its jurisdiction have at 12 least one multiple-occupancy bathroom in such building designated as 13 <u>gender neutral</u>.
- § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 14 15 have become a law.

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

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