

STATE OF NEW YORK

8549

IN ASSEMBLY

January 8, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to the use of gender-neutral terminology on agency websites for certain website content; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the state technology law relating to requiring state websites to use gender-neutral terminology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 208-A and A. 1371-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 103-b of the state technology law, as added by a
2 chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the state technology law relating
3 to requiring state websites to use gender-neutral terminology, as
4 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 208-A and A. 1371-A, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 § 103-b. Gender-neutral terminology; state agencies. Each state agency
7 shall use gender-neutral terminology on their websites for website
8 content, including but not limited to forms accessible through the
9 website, that is created by or on behalf of such agency, or is within
10 their control to modify, provided that such content is created or modi-
11 fied, including without limitation by the addition of content, after the
12 effective date of this section; provided further, however, if such
13 language is in reference to a specific person, or a specific group of
14 people, the language referring to such person or group may be gendered
15 in accordance with the gender identity of such person or group of
16 people.

17 § 2. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the state
18 technology law relating to requiring state websites to use gender-neu-
19 tral terminology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 208-A and
20 A. 1371-A, is amended to read as follows:

21 § 3. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] on the one hundred
22 eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
24 the amendments to section 103-b of the state technology law made by

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

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1 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the
2 same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the state technol-
3 ogy law relating to requiring state websites to use gender-neutral
4 terminology, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 208-A and A.
5 1371-A, takes effect.