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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- (at request of the State Comptroller) --
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the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring the
public posting of certain contracts otherwise subject to prior
approval of the comptroller

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section
2 149 to read as follows:

3 § 149. Certain contracts to be publicly posted. 1. For purposes of
4 this section, the following definitions shall apply:

5 (a) "emergency contract" shall mean:

6 (i) any contract otherwise subject to prior approval by the comp-
7 troller pursuant to section one hundred twelve of this chapter, which is
8 executed or made effective in accordance with an executive order of the
9 governor temporarily suspending such law, or any part thereof, pursuant
10 to his or her authority under section twenty-nine-a of the executive
11 law; and

12 (ii) any contract otherwise eligible for prior approval by the comp-
13 troller pursuant to any provision of law, including section twenty-eight
14 hundred seventy-nine-a of the public authorities law, which is executed
15 or made effective in accordance with an executive order of the governor
16 temporarily suspending such law, or any part thereof, pursuant to his or
17 her authority under section twenty-nine-a of the executive law.

18 (b) "exempted contract" shall mean:

19 (i) any contract otherwise subject to prior approval by the comp-
20 troller pursuant to section one hundred twelve of this chapter, which is
21 executed or made effective in accordance with any provision of law
22 expressly and specifically suspending the provisions of, exempting, or

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

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1 otherwise notwithstanding section one hundred twelve of this chapter, or
2 any part thereof; and

3 (ii) any contract otherwise eligible for prior approval by the comp-
4 troller pursuant to any provision of law, including section twenty-eight
5 hundred seventy-nine-a of the public authorities law, which is executed
6 or made effective in accordance with any provision of law suspending the
7 provisions of, exempting, or otherwise notwithstanding such law, or any
8 part thereof.

9 2. Within thirty days following the execution of an emergency contract
10 or an exempted contract, such state agency, department, board, officer,
11 commission, state authority, or institution shall post on the contract-
12 ing entity's public website, the emergency contract or exempted contract
13 as well as the following information:

14 (a) if the contract is an emergency contract, the emergency declara-
15 tion that such contract pertains to and, if the contract is an exempted
16 contract, the provision of law suspended or exempted;

17 (b) a brief description of the contract, including: (i) the amount of
18 the contract; (ii) the name of the vendor or vendors; (iii) the contract
19 term; (iv) what is being provided by the contract; and (v) if the
20 contract is an emergency contract, a statement explaining how the
21 contract relates to the declared state disaster emergency; and

22 (c) whether the contract was awarded based on a competitive process
23 and, if not awarded pursuant to a competitive process, an explanation of
24 why a competitive process was not undertaken.

25 3. All emergency contracts or exempted contracts currently in effect
26 upon the effective date of this section shall also be posted on the
27 contracting entity's public website within thirty days with the informa-
28 tion required in subdivision two of this section.

29 4. The provisions of this section cannot be suspended, modified, or
30 altered by the governor's authority to temporarily suspend provisions of
31 law during a state disaster emergency pursuant to section twenty-nine-a
32 of the executive law.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
34 have become a law.