STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 23, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS, SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to suspending all unnecessary travel to states that permit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-g 2 to read as follows:

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§ 170-q. State-funded and state-sponsored travel. 1. Notwithstanding 4 any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, all agencies, departments, 5 boards, divisions, authorities and commissions shall review all requests for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to a state that, after January first, two thousand twenty-four, has enacted a law that voids or repeals, or has the effect of voiding or repealing, existing state or 9 local protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orien-10 tation, gender identity, or gender expression or has enacted a law that authorizes or requires discrimination against same-sex couples or their 11 families or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, including any law that creates an exemption to anti-14 discrimination laws in order to permit discrimination against same-sex 15 couples or their families or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

- 2. Any such publicly funded or publicly sponsored travel to such a 17 18 location, unless such travel is necessary for the enforcement of New York state law, to meet prior contractual obligations, or for the 19 20 protection of public health, welfare, and safety, or is otherwise in the 21 <u>interest of the state, is suspended.</u>
- 3. The attorney general shall develop, maintain, and post on their 22 23 website a current list of states that, after January first, two thousand 24 twenty-four, have enacted a law that voids or repeals, or has the effect

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

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1 of voiding or repealing, an existing state or local protection against

- 2 discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or
- 3 gender expression, or have enacted a law that authorizes or requires
- 4 <u>discrimination against same-sex couples or their families or on the</u>
- 5 basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression,
- 6 including any law that creates an exemption to antidiscrimination laws
- 7 in order to permit discrimination against same-sex couples or their
 - families or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or
- 9 <u>gender expression</u>.
- 10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.