STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 4, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. BURDICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to requiring state agencies to conform any of their websites to the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for accessibility

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

Section 1. The state technology law is amended by adding a new section 103-b to read as follows:

§ 103-b. Website accessibility; state agencies. 1. Each state agency shall be required to conform any of their websites to the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium for accessibility, or any successor standards. This section shall not require an agency to take any action that would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a service, program, or activity.

2. No later than December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, and every two years thereafter, the office designee shall submit to the governor and the legislature a written report that documents the compliance of websites maintained by or on behalf of state agencies or state entities with the protocol adopted pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

§ 2. Subdivisions 20, 21, and 22 of section 103 of the state technology law, subdivisions 21 and 22 as renumbered by chapter 658 of the laws of 2022, are renumbered subdivisions 21, 22, and 23, and a new subdivision 20 is added to read as follows:

20. To issue guidance for state agencies in their compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines required pursuant to section one hundred three-b of the state technology law.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 658 of the laws of 2022 takes effect.