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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

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:

1 Section 1. The section heading of section 145 of the public buildings  
2 law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2020, is amended, subdivi-  
3 sion 1 is amended by adding a new paragraph (e), and two new subdivi-  
4 sions 1-a and 3 are added to read as follows:

5 Gender neutral [~~single-occupancy~~] bathrooms.

6 (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 occu-  
9 pants.

10 1-a. All state-owned buildings and, where practicable, state-leased  
11 buildings shall include gender neutral bathrooms.

12 3. When a state agency is unable to comply with subdivision two of  
13 this section, such state agency shall ensure that there is at least one  
14 gender neutral multiple-occupancy bathroom in the state-owned buildings  
15 under its jurisdiction and, where practicable, in the state-leased  
16 buildings under its jurisdiction.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
18 have become a law.

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

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