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# IN SENATE

May 18, 2023

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to expanding the ethical duties of public officers and employees

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

Section 1. Section 74 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

**3-a. Other ethical duties. It shall be the ethical duty of every person subject to the provisions of this section to comply with the provisions of article fifteen of the executive law and any policies or procedures implemented by their legislative chamber, state agency, or state office related thereto. No person shall commit an act of harassment or discrimination while serving in their official capacity and no such person serving in a supervisory capacity shall know of an act of discrimination or harassment without taking action, including but not limited to, imposing consequences on the perpetrator of such act of discrimination or harassment in accordance with any applicable law, rule, policy or procedure.**

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

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

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