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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring venues of public accommodation to maintain accessible parking in accordance with federal law

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

Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that accessible parking is essential to ensuring equitable access to public accommodations for individuals with disabilities. While federal law under the Americans with Disabilities Act requires accessible parking, enforcement at large venues has proven inconsistent. This legislation establishes state oversight, annual certification, and a fair enforcement structure to ensure consistent compliance without jeopardizing business licensure unrelated to accessibility.

§ 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-j to read as follows:

§ 170-j. Accessible parking compliance at public venues. 1. For purposes of this section:

(a) "Venue" shall mean any arena, stadium, amphitheater, convention center, or similar facility that:

(i) is located within the state of New York;

(ii) has a maximum occupancy of five hundred persons or more; and

(iii) hosts public performances, sporting events, concerts, exhibitions, or other large public gatherings.

(b) "Accessible parking" shall mean off-street parking spaces and related facilities that conform to the requirements of the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design including, but not limited to size, signage, surfacing, van accessibility, and route to entrance.

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

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2. (a) Every venue shall provide and maintain accessible parking facilities in compliance with federal standards.

(b) Accessible spaces shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to the principal entrance, be properly signed and striped, and be free of obstructions.

(c) Accessible spaces shall be made available at the same price or lowest rate offered for any parking on the same date.

3. (a) Each venue shall submit to the division of human rights an annual certification of accessible parking compliance.

(b) Such certification shall include:

(i) a diagram of designated accessible parking spaces and routes;

(ii) a signed attestation by a licensed architect, engineer, or certified accessibility specialist that such spaces conform to federal standards; and

(iii) any changes made during the preceding year affecting the availability or configuration of accessible parking.

4. (a) The division of human rights shall investigate alleged violations of this section and may conduct random audits of no less than five percent of certified venues annually.

(b) Any venue found to be in violation shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows:

(i) not more than two thousand five hundred dollars for a first offense; and

(ii) not more than five thousand dollars for each subsequent offense occurring within a two-year period.

(c) Municipalities shall have concurrent authority to inspect venues within their jurisdiction and issue corrective orders or civil fines not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per day for ongoing non-compliance after thirty days' notice.

5. (a) The division shall maintain a publicly available online registry of certified venues and their compliance status.

(b) Any person may file a complaint under this section without fear of retaliation. Retaliation shall constitute an unlawful discriminatory practice under article fifteen of this chapter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. The division of human rights shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement this act within ninety days of its enactment.