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IN SENATE

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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to establishing the literary lifecycle management or LLM act which prohibits the destruction of rare books

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 48 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 48

LITERARY LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT OR LLM ACT

Section 1800. Prohibition against the destruction of rare books.

§ 1800. Prohibition against the destruction of rare books. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "destroy" shall mean the irreversible removal of pages from the book's binding or to otherwise render the book permanently incapable of practical usage by a human reader.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, business, association, non-profit organization, or corporation to intentionally destroy for commercial purposes any book published before the year nineteen seventy or that was part of a print run consisting of less than two hundred copies.

3. (a) Any person, firm, business, association, non-profit organization, or corporation or agent or employee thereof who engages in any of the acts or practices stated in this article to be unlawful shall be liable to a civil penalty as follows:

(i) five hundred dollars for a first violation;

(ii) two thousand dollars for a second violation; or

(iii) five thousand dollars for a third or subsequent violation and an injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) A court shall also allow for an additional penalty of up to the market value of such book. Violations shall accrue to the state of New York and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general. Whenever the attorney-general shall believe from evidence satisfactory to them that any person, firm, business, association, non-

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

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profit organization, or corporation operating as an online retailer has engaged in or is engaged in any of the acts stated in this article, the attorney general may bring an action in the name and on behalf of the people of the state of New York.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.