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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, FERNANDEZ, PARKER, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the state finance law, in relation to encouraging the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises in state contracts

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2-a of section 313 of the executive law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

3 (k) require that each state contract avoids unnecessary and unjusti-  
4 fied bundling of contract requirements that precludes minority and  
5 women-owned business enterprises' participation in procurements as prime  
6 contractors. For purposes of this paragraph, "unnecessary and unjusti-  
7 fied" shall mean not required, not needed and with no legitimate reason.

8 § 2. Section 139-g of the state finance law is amended by adding a new  
9 subdivision (e) to read as follows:

10 (e) require that each state contract avoids unnecessary and unjusti-  
11 fied bundling of contract requirements that precludes small and certi-  
12 fied women and minority-owned business' participation in procurements as  
13 prime contractors. For purposes of this subdivision, "unnecessary and  
14 unjustified" shall mean not required, not needed and with no legitimate  
15 reason.

16 § 3. Subdivision 4 of section 313 of the executive law, as amended by  
17 chapter 96 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

18 4. In the implementation of this section, the contracting agency shall  
19 (a) consult the findings contained within the disparity study evidencing  
20 relevant industry specific disparities in the utilization of minority  
21 and women-owned businesses relative to their availability;

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

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1 (b) implement a program that will enable the agency to evaluate each  
2 contract to determine the appropriate goal for participation by minori-  
3 ty-owned business enterprises and women-owned business enterprises; **and**  
4 (c) [~~consider where practicable, the severability of construction~~  
5 ~~projects and other bundled contracts; and~~  
6 ~~(d)~~] consider compliance with the requirements of any federal law  
7 concerning opportunities for minority and women-owned business enter-  
8 prises which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting  
9 agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of any  
10 such law duplicate or conflict with the provisions hereof and if such  
11 duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the  
12 applicability of this section to the extent of such duplication or  
13 conflict.

14 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that  
15 the amendments to section 313 of the executive law made by sections one  
16 and three of this act shall not affect the repeal of such article and  
17 shall be deemed repealed therewith.