# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to enacting the "Honoring Our Pledge to Eliminate Anti-Semitism (HOPE) act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Honoring Our Pledge to Eliminate Anti-Semitism (HOPE) act".

§ 2. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 79-r to read as follows:

**§ 79-r. Adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:**

**(a) "Anti-Semitism" shall have the same meaning as provided for in the working definition of anti-Semitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May twenty-sixth, two thousand sixteen, and shall include the contemporary examples of anti-Semitism set forth therein.**

**(b) "State agency" shall mean any office, department, board, commission, bureau, division, public corporation, agency or instrumentality of the state.**

**2. In reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of any non-criminal or criminal law, rule, or policy prohibiting discriminatory acts, a state agency or court shall take into consideration the definition of anti-Semitism as set forth in this section for purposes of determining whether an alleged act was motivated by discriminatory anti-Semitic intent, including but not limited to claims brought pursuant to article fifteen of the executive law or article four hundred eighty-five of the penal law.**

**3. A state agency or court shall apply the same legal standard as applicable to like claims of discrimination arising under laws of this**

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

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state, including article fifteen of the executive law or article four hundred eighty-five of the penal law.

4. For the purposes of training of state personnel related to discrimination and anti-bias training, the definition of anti-Semitism described in this section shall be used as an educational tool to familiarize staff and officials with anti-Semitism.

5. This section shall not be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the first amendment to the United States Constitution, or the Constitution of the state of New York, and shall not be construed to conflict with federal, state, or local discrimination laws.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.