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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, the general municipal law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring universally accessible playgrounds in New York city and state parks

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

Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 79-r to read as follows:

§ 79-r. Universally accessible playground equipment. 1. Pursuant to section forty of this chapter, all playgrounds in state parks shall be universally accessible. To the extent practicable, such accessible playground equipment shall be incorporated into the layout of the existing playground or proposed playground plan.

2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Disability" shall have the same meaning as defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

(b) "Universally accessible" shall mean that children with disabilities can use their typical means of mobility to access a minimum of seventy percent of play activities.

§ 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 248 to read as follows:

§ 248. Universally accessible playground equipment. 1. All municipal playgrounds and neighborhood recreation centers shall be universally accessible. To the extent practicable, such accessible playground equipment shall be incorporated into the layout of the existing playground or proposed playground plan.

2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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

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(a) "Disability" shall have the same meaning as defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

(b) "Universally accessible" shall mean that children with disabilities can use their typical means of mobility to access a minimum of seventy percent of play activities.

§ 3. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-166 to read as follows:

§ 18-166 Universally accessible playground equipment. 1. All playgrounds in New York city parks shall be universally accessible. To the extent practicable, such accessible playground equipment shall be incorporated into the layout of the existing playground or proposed playground plan.

2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Disability" shall have the same meaning as defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

(b) "Universally accessible" shall mean that children with disabilities can use their typical means of mobility to access a minimum of seventy percent of play activities.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.