STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- 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 establishing civil liability for the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the federal or state constitution

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. Deprivation of constitutional rights, privileges or immunities; civil liability. Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of the United States, subjects or causes to be subjected, any citizen of this state or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the constitution of the United States or the constitution of the state of New York, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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