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Introduced by M. of A. RAMOS, FALL, SAYEGH, COLTON, EPSTEIN, COOK, CRUZ, REYES, EICHENSTEIN, WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to prohibiting discrimination in recreational water parks due to religious attire

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 40-h to read as follows:

§ 40-h. Religious discrimination at recreational water parks. No person, agency, bureau, corporation or association, being the owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent or employee of any recreational water park as defined in this section shall require any person to violate or forgo a sincerely held practice of such person's religion, including but not limited to the wearing of any attire, clothing including, but not limited to, modesty swimsuits or full body swimsuits, or facial hair in accordance with the requirements of such person's religion.

Recreational water park within the meaning of this section shall include, but not be limited to, beaches, lakes, pools and other water facilities, operated on land or water for recreational use.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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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