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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, RAGA, LEVENBERG, BURDICK, SHIMSKY, REYES, SIMONE, TAPIA, GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to requiring gender neutral bathrooms in state-owned buildings

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

1 Section 1. The section heading of section 145 of the public buildings
2 law, as amended by chapter 14 of the laws of 2020, is amended, subdivi-
3 sion 1 is amended by adding a new paragraph (e), and two new subdivi-
4 sions 3 and 4 are added to read as follows:

5 Gender neutral [~~single-occupancy~~] bathrooms.

6 (e) "multiple-occupancy bathroom" means a room or suite of rooms
7 containing at least one sink and at least two sanitary fixtures, such as
8 toilets or urinals, intended for simultaneous use by two or more occu-
9 pants.

10 3. If no single-occupancy bathroom can be designated as gender neutral
11 in a state-owned building, a multiple-occupancy bathroom shall be desig-
12 nated as gender neutral instead.

13 4. Adequate notice shall be provided in every state-owned and state-
14 leased building so that all persons can reasonably find bathrooms that
15 have been designated as gender neutral.

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

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

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