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Introduced by M. of A. LUCAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring signage be placed alongside art stolen during the Transatlantic Slave period between the 16th and 19th centuries, with its peak between 1700 and 1850, indicating such art was stolen

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

Section 1. Section 233-aa of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

16. Every museum which has on display sixteenth through nineteenth century art and which changed hands due to theft, seizure, confiscation, forced sale or other involuntary means in Africa during the Transatlantic Slave period shall, to the extent practicable, prominently place a placard or other signage acknowledging such information along with such display.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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