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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT in relation to New York bar exam applicants

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The intent of this legislation is to restore fairness and flexibility for New York law school graduates who are seeking to retake the New York State Bar Examination after four or more unsuccessful attempts. Under recent changes to the Rules of the State Board of Law Examiners, applicants are restricted to sitting for the examination only in February. This limitation creates barriers, particularly for candidates who may require additional preparation time, who balance family and work obligations, or who otherwise find the July administration more accessible.

§ 2. Notwithstanding section 6000.4(c) of the Rules of the State Board of Law Examiners, an applicant with four or more unsuccessful attempts on the New York bar examination may file an application for re-examination for the February or July administration of the bar examination, provided such applicant successfully graduated from a law school located in and accredited by the state of New York.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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.

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

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