STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 2

AN ACT to amend the general city law, in relation to establishing the prohibition against requiring a permit for the singing of the national anthem or the reciting of the pledge of allegiance

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

Section 1. The general city law is amended by adding a new section 20-h to read as follows:

§ 20-h. Prohibition against requiring a permit for the singing of the national anthem or the reciting of the pledge of allegiance. Any city that requires a permit for the performance of an activity that takes place on public or private land within such city, shall not apply any requirement to obtain such a permit for, and shall not levy or assess any sanction or any other penalty against any individual, group or organization for the non-permitted performance of, the singing of the national anthem of the United States of America or the reciting of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

§ 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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