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AN ACT to amend the state law, in relation to the description of the  
arms of the state and the state flag

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

1 Section 1. Section 70 of the state law, as amended by section 1 of  
2 part U of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:  
3 § 70. Description of the arms of the state and the state flag. The  
4 device of arms of this state is hereby declared to be correctly  
5 described as follows:  
6 Charge. Azure, in a landscape, the sun in fess, rising in splendor or,  
7 behind a range of three mountains, the middle one the highest; in base a  
8 ship and sloop under sail, passing and about to meet on a river,  
9 bordered below by a grassy shore fringed with shrubs, all proper.  
10 Crest. On a wreath azure and or, an American eagle proper, rising to  
11 the dexter from a two-thirds of a globe terrestrial, showing the north  
12 Atlantic ocean with outlines of its shores.  
13 Supporters. On a quasi compartment formed by the extension of the  
14 scroll.  
15 Dexter. The figure of Liberty proper, her hair disheveled and deco-  
16 rated with pearls, vested azure, sandaled gules, about the waist a cinc-  
17 ture or, fringed gules, a mantle of the last depending from the shoul-  
18 ders behind to the feet, in the dexter hand a staff ensigned with a  
19 Phrygian cap or, the sinister arm embowed, the hand supporting the  
20 shield at the dexter chief point, a royal crown by her sinister foot  
21 dejected.  
22 Sinister. The figure of Justice proper, her hair disheveled and deco-  
23 rated with pearls, vested or, about the waist a cincture azure, fringed

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

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1 gules, sandaled and mantled as Liberty, bound about the eyes with a  
2 fillet proper, in the dexter hand a straight sword hilted or, erect,  
3 resting on the sinister chief point of the shield, the sinister arm  
4 embowed, holding before her her scales proper.

5 Motto. On a scroll below the shield argent, in sable, [~~two lines. On~~  
6 ~~line one,~~] Excelsior [~~and on line two, E pluribus unum~~].

7 State flag. The state flag is hereby declared to be blue, charged with  
8 the arms of the state in the colors as described in the blazon of this  
9 section.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately. All arms of the state and  
11 the state flags printed prior to the effective date need not be removed  
12 or replaced.