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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the general business law, the public authorities law, and the public buildings law, in relation to requiring certain buildings display domestic violence signs in their bathrooms

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Domestic
2 Violence Bathroom Signage Act".

3 § 2. Paragraph (p) of subdivision 3 of section 575 of the executive
4 law, as relettered by chapter 740 of the laws of 2022, is relettered
5 paragraph (q) and a new paragraph (p) is added to read as follows:

6 (p) Developing domestic violence signage and enforcing the display of
7 such signage under sections two hundred six-g and three hundred ninety-f
8 of the general business law, three hundred eighty-nine-a of the public
9 authorities law, and one hundred forty-eight of the public buildings
10 law.

11 (i) Such signage shall:

12 (A) include information regarding services and assistance available to
13 victims of domestic violence.

14 (B) be in English, Spanish, and any other language determined appro-
15 priate by the director of the office.

16 (ii) The office shall create a mechanism for people to register a
17 complaint which may initiate an investigation by the office.

18 (iii) The office, while a building is undergoing otherwise mandated
19 inspections, may inspect for compliance with domestic violence signage
20 requirements.

21 (iv) The director of the office shall inform the entity of any discov-
22 ered failure to comply with domestic violence signage requirements. The
23 entity shall cure the violation or demonstrate to the director that the

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

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1 finding of non-compliance was incorrect. If the entity is found to be in
2 non-compliance, the department shall provide the entity signage and
3 resource materials.

4 § 3. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 206-g
5 to read as follows:

6 § 206-g. Information concerning services for domestic violence
7 victims. 1. For purposes of this section, "lodging facility" shall mean
8 any inn, hotel, motel, motor court or other establishment that provides
9 lodging to transient guests. Such term shall not include an establish-
10 ment treated as a dwelling unit for the purposes of any state or local
11 law or regulation or an establishment located within a building that has
12 five or less rooms for rent or hire and that is actually occupied as a
13 residence by the proprietor of such establishment.

14 2. Every keeper of a lodging facility shall make available in plain
15 view and in a conspicuous place and manner in the public restrooms, and
16 in the individual guest rooms, and near the public entrance or in another
17 conspicuous location in clear view of the public and the employees
18 where similar information is customarily displayed in such lodging
19 facility, informational signage developed by the office for the
20 prevention of domestic violence. Such informational signage shall be
21 placed on the bottom right corner of the restroom mirror or, if no
22 mirror larger than forty-eight inches by thirty inches is in the rest-
23 room, on the back of the restroom door at approximately five feet above
24 the floor.

25 § 4. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 390-f
26 to read as follows:

27 § 390-f. Information concerning services for domestic violence
28 victims. 1. Every entity which maintains a public restroom shall
29 display in plain view and in a conspicuous place and manner in such
30 public restrooms informational signage created by the office for the
31 prevention of domestic violence under section five hundred seventy-five
32 of the executive law.

33 2. Every entity which maintains a restroom for its patrons shall
34 display in plain view and in a conspicuous place and manner in such
35 restrooms informational signage created by the office for the prevention
36 of domestic violence under section five hundred seventy-five of the
37 executive law.

38 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
39 389-a to read as follows:

40 § 389-a. Information concerning services for domestic violence victims
41 in facilities at service areas. 1. Any service area maintained or oper-
42 ated by the authority shall display in plain view and in a conspicuous
43 place and manner in the public restrooms and in any lactation rooms,
44 informational signage developed by the office for the prevention of
45 domestic violence under section five hundred seventy-five of the execu-
46 tive law.

47 2. For purposes of this section, "lactation room" shall mean a hygien-
48 ic place, other than a restroom, that: (a) is shielded from view; (b) is
49 free from intrusion; (c) contains a chair, a working surface, and, if
50 the building is otherwise supplied with electricity, an electrical
51 outlet; and (d) is intended to be used for the primary purpose of
52 breastfeeding or expressing breast milk.

53 § 6. The public buildings law is amended by adding a new section 148
54 to read as follows:

55 § 148. Information concerning services for domestic violence victims
56 in public buildings. 1. As used in this section:

1 (a) "covered public building" means a public building owned by the
2 state of New York, under the supervision and control of the commissioner
3 of general services, that is determined by said commissioner to be open
4 to the public; and

5 (b) "lactation room" means a hygienic place, other than a bathroom,
6 that:

7 (i) is shielded from view;

8 (ii) is free from intrusion;

9 (iii) contains a chair, a working surface, and, if the public building
10 is otherwise supplied with electricity, an electrical outlet; and

11 (iv) is intended to be used for the primary purpose of breastfeeding
12 or expressing breast milk.

13 2. A covered public building shall display in plain view and in a
14 conspicuous place and manner in the public restrooms and in any lacta-
15 tion rooms informational signage developed by the office for the
16 prevention of domestic violence under section five hundred seventy-five
17 of the executive law.

18 § 7. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
21 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
22 completed on or before such effective date.