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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and Contracts

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to reciprocal minority and women-owned business enterprise certification

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2-a of section 314 of the executive law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

3 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director and any  
4 county, acting through its county executive, may enter into a memorandum  
5 of understanding setting forth a procedure through which: (i) such coun-  
6 ty shall accept an applicant's state certification verification in lieu  
7 of requiring such applicant to complete such county's process for  
8 certification as a minority or women-owned business enterprise or meet  
9 the certification standards of such county's minority and women-owned  
10 business enterprise program; and (ii) the office shall accept an appli-  
11 cant's county certification verification in lieu of requiring an appli-  
12 cant to complete the process for certification as a minority or women-  
13 owned business enterprise or meet the applicable certification standards  
14 set forth in this article; provided, however, that such memorandum of  
15 understanding may include one or more exceptions in circumstances where  
16 the director and such county executive determine that such exceptions  
17 would be in the best interests of both such county's program and the  
18 program established pursuant to this article. Nothing in this paragraph  
19 shall be construed to limit the director or such county from amending  
20 their respective processes or standards for certifying minority and  
21 women-owned business enterprises.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the two hundred seventieth day  
23 after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments  
24 to subdivision 2-a of section 314 of the executive law made by section  
25 one of this act shall not affect the repeal of article 15-A of the exec-  
26 utive law pursuant to chapter 261 of the laws of 1988, as amended, and  
27 shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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