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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to prohibiting the sale and display of symbols of hate by state funded entities or at state funded events

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section
2 19-b to read as follows:

3 § 19-b. Symbols of hate. 1. No entity which receives any funds from
4 the state shall sell or display any symbols of hate or any similar
5 image, or tangible personal property, inscribed with such an image
6 unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or otherwise
7 serves an educational or historical purpose.

8 2. No event which receives any funds from the state shall allow for
9 the sale or display of any symbols of hate or any similar image, or
10 tangible personal property, inscribed with such an image unless the
11 image appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or otherwise serves an
12 educational or historical purpose, at such event.

13 3. For the purposes of this section, the term "symbols of hate" shall
14 include, but not be limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi
15 ideology or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

16 § 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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