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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting the naming of state buildings after public officers

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Prohibiting Elevation of Notorious Names (PENN) Act".

3 § 2. Article 50 and sections 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1003 of the execu-
4 tive law, as renumbered by chapter 770 of the laws of 1978, are renum-
5 bered article 60 and sections 1500, 1501, 1502 and 1503.

6 § 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 50 to read
7 as follows:

ARTICLE 50

NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

Section 1000. Naming of public facilities.

8 § 1000. Naming of public facilities. 1. As used in this section:

9 (a) "public facility" means a building or other real property owned by
10 the state or a political subdivision of the state; and

11 (b) "public officer" means a person elected to public office or any
12 person appointed or employed by the state or a political subdivision of
13 the state.

14 2. A public facility shall not be named for a public officer during
15 the period in which that person is a public officer.

16 3. A public facility shall not be named for a public officer who has
17 been convicted of a felony. The state shall remove the name from a
18 public facility named for such person immediately upon conviction,
19 whether or not another name has been offered or approved for substi-
20 tution and renaming.
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. A public facility that has been named for a person who was not a
2 public officer at the time of the naming may continue to bear that name
3 if the person subsequently becomes a public officer.

4 5. Except as provided in subdivision three of this section, a public
5 facility named for a public officer prior to the effective date of this
6 section may continue to bear the name of that public officer.

7 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.