§ 170-h. Additional collection of demographic information. 1. Every state agency, board, department, or commission that directly collects demographic data as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of residents of the state of New York shall use separate collection categories and tabulations for the following Middle Eastern and North African groups in New York state:

(a) Each major North African (NA) group shall include Egyptian, Moroccan, Algerian, Sudanese, Tunisian, and Libyan; and

(b) Each major Middle Eastern (ME) group shall include Yemeni, Iranian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Lebanese, Israeli, Jordanian, Syrian, Armenian, and Saudi; and

(c) Collection categories shall include a category for other Middle Eastern or North African groups.

2. The data collected pursuant to the different collection categories and tabulations described in subdivision one of this section, to the degree that the data quality is sufficient, shall be included in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of residents of the state of New York by the state agency, board, department, or commission published or released on or after January first, two thousand twenty-seven. The data shall be made available to the public in accordance with state and federal law, except for personal identifying information, which shall be deemed confidential, by posting the data on the internet web site of the agency, board, department, or commission on or before January first, two thousand twenty-seven, and annually thereafter. If the data quality is determined to be insufficient for publication, an explanation of the problem with the data quality shall be included in any report or publication made available to the public. This subdivision shall not be construed to prevent any other state agency from posting data collected pursuant to subdivision one of this section on the agency's internet web site, in the manner prescribed by this section.

3. A state agency, board, or commission that cannot comply with the requirements of this section shall, at least sixty days before the applicable deadline, post publicly on its web site a written progress report that describes with specificity the steps the agency, board, or

commission has taken to comply with this section, the impediments that prevented compliance, the efforts undertaken by the agency, board, or commission to come into compliance, and an estimated timeframe for compliance. The written report shall be updated every six months from the date of the original posting.