



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO # 147

December 22, 2023

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 7476, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, the business corporation law, the general associations law, the limited liability company law, the not-for-profit corporation law and the partnership law, in relation to consent to jurisdiction by foreign business organizations authorized to do business in New York”

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require foreign companies that register to do business or are designated to do business in New York automatically consent to the jurisdiction of the courts in the State, regardless of whether such company maintains a principal place of business in New York and regardless of whether the circumstances at issue relate to New York. The bill would also deem the withdrawal or revocation of such registration or authorization as the termination of consent to the general jurisdiction of courts in New York.

There are existing laws that may subject companies that conduct business in New York to the jurisdiction of courts in New York. I vetoed substantially similar legislation in 2021 due to concerns that the proposal would represent a massive expansion of New York’s laws governing general jurisdiction, likely deterring out-of-state companies from doing business in New York because it would require them to be subject to lawsuits in the State regardless of any connection to New York. The bill would cause uncertainty for those businesses and burden the judicial system.

Therefore, I am constrained once again to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Kathy Hochul