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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, the New York state urban development corporation act and the executive law, in relation to small business crime prevention services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 139 to read as follows:  
3     S 139. SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS  
4     HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DIVISION A SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION  
5     SERVICES PROGRAM.  
6     2. THE SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM, DIRECTLY AND  
7     IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH OTHER  
8     AGENCIES OF THE STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHALL  
9     PROVIDE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:  
10    (A) INFORMATION ON STRATEGIES, BEST PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERING  
11    TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTION OF CRIMES IN AND AROUND THE PREM-  
12    ISES OF SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHERWISE AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESSES,  
13    INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: ASSAULT, ARSON AND OTHER VIOLENT FELONY  
14    OFFENSES; ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD; AND  
15    VANDALISM, GRAFFITI AND OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE;  
16    (B) INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSIST-  
17    ANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (L) OF  
18    SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTEEN-M OF SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE  
19    HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT;  
20    (C) INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS OF  
21    FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION THAT MAY FROM

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

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1 TIME TO TIME BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCIES OF THE  
2 STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

3 (D) INFORMATION ON PROTECTING THE ASSETS OF SMALL BUSINESSES FROM  
4 CRIME, INCLUDING RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND INSURANCE AVAILABILITY;  
5 AND

6 (E) INFORMATION ON RESPONSES TO CRIME, INCLUDING REPORTING OF CRIMES,  
7 SUBMITTING INSURANCE CLAIMS AND CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

8 3. THE SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL, WITH  
9 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER APPROPRI-  
10 ATE STATE AGENCIES, IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATING TO CRIME AFFECTING SMALL  
11 BUSINESSES AND ASSIST THE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE DIVISION IN MAKING  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND PROGRAMMATIC ACTIONS TO  
13 ADDRESS SUCH ISSUES.

14 S 2. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 1 of section 16-m of section 1 of  
15 chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban  
16 development corporation act, as added by section 4 of part FF of chapter  
17 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended and a new paragraph (l) is added to  
18 read as follows:

19 (k) Assistance for regional partnership proposals, as provided in  
20 subdivision 12 of section 3154 of the public authorities law[.]; AND

21 (L) LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, INTEREST SUBSIDIES AND GRANTS TO SMALL  
22 BUSINESSES, MUNICIPALITIES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR OTHER ORGAN-  
23 IZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING CRIMES AGAINST SMALL BUSINESSES  
24 OR ON THE PREMISES OR IN THE VICINITY OF SMALL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING  
25 SUCH ACTIVITIES AS INITIATING OR MAINTAINING BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAMS,  
26 INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING, SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PHYSICAL IMPROVE-  
27 MENTS TO PREVENT OR DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
28 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO OWNERS, OPERATORS AND EMPLOYEES OF SMALL  
29 BUSINESSES ON EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES. PREFERENCE IN  
30 AWARDING ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE GIVEN TO  
31 PROJECTS THAT WILL BENEFIT DISTRESSED AREAS OR OTHER AREAS WITH A DEMON-  
32 STRATED NEED BASED ON CRIME STATISTICS, PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE A LOCAL OR  
33 PRIVATE-SECTOR MATCH, AND PROJECTS THAT DEMONSTRATE A LIKELIHOOD OF  
34 POSITIVE IMPACT ON CRIME PREVENTION. THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
35 SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF  
36 SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION ASSISTANCE.

37 S 3. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
38 subdivision 19 to read as follows:

39 19. PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DIVISION FOR SMALL BUSINESS  
40 IN DEVELOPING AND OPERATING A PROGRAM OF SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION  
41 SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THE ECONOMIC  
42 DEVELOPMENT LAW, AND PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE URBAN DEVELOP-  
43 MENT CORPORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF SMALL BUSINESS  
44 CRIME PREVENTION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (L) OF SUBDIVISION ONE  
45 OF SECTION SIXTEEN-M OF SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR  
46 OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT.

47 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
48 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that  
49 the department of economic development, the New York state urban devel-  
50 opment corporation and the division of criminal justice services shall  
51 be immediately authorized to take any and all actions necessary to fully  
52 implement the provisions of this act on such date; and further provided  
53 that the amendments to section 16-m of the urban development corporation  
54 act made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of  
55 such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.