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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating a directory of technical and financial assistance programs for small businesses and minority and women owned business enterprises

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

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section 103-a to read as follows:

S 103-A. DIRECTORY OF SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF STATE, FEDERAL, PRIVATE AND NON-PROFIT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND SMALL BUSINESSES, GENERALLY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF SUCH REGISTRY ON A COMPUTERIZED DIRECTORY WHICH SHALL BE UPDATED AT LEAST MONTHLY AND SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD FOR WHICH REGISTRY INFORMATION MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SUCH COMPUTERIZED DIRECTORY IN A MANNER THAT ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS TO SEARCH THE DIRECTORY BY NAME, DATE OR TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. THE PROGRAMS LISTED SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER DIVIDED INTO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES GENERALLY AND DEDICATE A WEBPAGE OR DIRECTORY TO PROGRAMS APPLICABLE SOLELY TO MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

4. EACH PROGRAM LISTED SHALL CONTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION INCLUDING A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE OFFERED, INSTRUCTIONS FOR

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

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APPLICATION TO SUCH PROGRAM, THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH APPLICATION, THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AT SUCH STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION OFFERING SUCH ASSISTANCE, AND IN THE CASE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THE AMOUNT OF SUCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND THE SOURCE OF FUNDS.

5. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO MAINTAIN A DIRECTORY OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AT SUCH AGENCY.

6. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO PROVIDE A LINK TO CENSUS DATA FROM THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES CENSUS.

7. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

8. THE DIRECTORY CREATED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.