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AN ACT to repeal certain provisions of the arts and cultural affairs law relating to establishing the Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists; and to establish the Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists

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

- 1     Section 1. Section 3.17 of the arts and cultural affairs law, is  
2 REPEALED.
- 3     S 2. Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists. 1. The gover-  
4 nor shall present the New York state Edward Hopper citation of merit to  
5 a distinguished New York visual artist who is making a significant  
6 contribution to the advancement of the arts in New York state upon the  
7 recommendation of the panel constituted in this section. The citation  
8 shall carry an honorarium of five thousand dollars.
- 9     2. The council on the arts shall appoint and convene an advisory panel  
10 of distinguished visual artists and persons with particular expertise in  
11 the field of visual art. The director of the council and the artistic  
12 director of the Edward Hopper house shall be members of the advisory  
13 panel.
- 14     The panel shall recommend to the governor a visual artist whose  
15 achievements make him or her deserving of such recognition.
- 16     3. The visual artist selected shall promote and encourage the visual  
17 arts within the state and shall give two public showings within the  
18 state, one of which shall be held at the Edward Hopper house art center  
19 in the village of Nyack. Upon completion of the exhibits, each gallery  
20 shall be reimbursed for administrative fees not to exceed two thousand  
21 five hundred dollars.
- 22     4. The council on the arts shall establish such procedures and guide-  
23 lines as are necessary to effect the provisions of this section.
- 24     5. This citation of merit shall be first awarded during the 2017 year  
25 and shall be continued at the discretion of the council on the arts.
- 26     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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