

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to establish a study committee on the housing aspect of tourism in the state of New York; and to amend chapter 225 of the laws of 2010, amending the multiple dwelling law and the administrative code of the city of New York relating to clarifying certain provisions relating to occupancy of class A multiple dwellings, in relation to postponing the effective date thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The legislature finds and declares that tourism, including
2 tourism in the city of New York, is a vital and important part of the
3 economy of the state of New York creating thousands of jobs and produc-
4 ing needed tax revenues both in sales tax receipts, occupancy taxes and
5 income tax revenue. It further finds and declares that an important part
6 of the tourism industry in the city of New York have been rooms and
7 affordable housing accommodations made available in mixed use buildings
8 serving as an alternative to higher end, more expensive hotels which
9 some tourists, such as students, simply cannot afford. Furthermore, the
10 legislature also finds and declares that unless alternative, affordable
11 rooms and affordable housing accommodations remain available, tourism
12 will decline, jobs will be lost and the state during a perilous fiscal
13 condition will lose revenue and jobs. The legislature finds and declares
14 that it is important to avoid any change in the current choice of accom-
15 modations available to visitors of our state until there is a thorough
16 economic impact study undertaken regarding the role of affordable tour-
17 ism units and the negative effect that the elimination of these units
18 could have on the economy of the state of New York and the city of New
19 York.

20 § 2. There is hereby established a study committee on the housing
21 aspect of the tourism industry in the state of New York. Such committee

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

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1 shall consist of 11 members, who shall serve without compensation. One
2 member shall be the chair of the senate committee on cultural affairs,
3 tourism, parks and recreation or his or her designee. One member shall
4 be the chair of the assembly committee on tourism, parks, arts and
5 sports development or his or her designee. Two members shall be
6 appointed by the temporary president of the senate at least one of whom
7 shall have substantial experience in the tourism industry or be a repre-
8 sentative of a tourism related organization. Two members shall be
9 appointed by the speaker of the assembly at least one of whom shall have
10 substantial experience in the tourism industry or be a representative of
11 a tourism related organization. One member shall be appointed by the
12 minority leader of the senate. One member shall be appointed by the
13 minority leader of the assembly. Two members shall be appointed by the
14 governor. The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee shall serve on the committee and act as the chair of the committee.

16 The committee shall issue a report to the governor, the speaker of the
17 assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of
18 the assembly and the minority leader of the senate no later than October
19 1, 2018 on the role that affordable rooms and affordable housing accom-
20 modations play in the tourism industry in the state of New York, and the
21 potential economic impact that could result from the elimination or
22 substantial elimination of consumer choices in the market place.

23 The department of economic development shall make its staff and
24 resources available to the committee to compile the report as well as
25 the staff of the division of the budget. Legislative staff may also
26 assist in this effort to the extent as determined by the legislative
27 leaders.

28 § 3. Section 8 of chapter 225 of the laws of 2010 amending the multi-
29 ple dwelling law and the administrative code of the city of New York
30 relating to clarifying certain provisions relating to occupancy of class
31 A multiple dwellings, as amended by chapter 566 of the laws of 2010, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 § 8. This act shall take effect [~~May 1, 2011~~] November 30, 2018 and
34 shall apply to all buildings in existence on such effective date and to
35 buildings constructed after such effective date except that prior to
36 such effective date an agency with the duty to enforce the provisions of
37 the multiple dwelling law may promulgate rules and regulations or take
38 other administrative actions to provide for the registration of dwelling
39 units in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 16 of section 67
40 and title 3 of article 4 of the multiple dwelling law, as added by
41 sections two and three of this act, respectively.

42 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
43 have been in full force and effect on and after May 1, 2011.