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Introduced by Sens. SERINO, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations,
Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in
relation to establishing a New York business COVID-19 modification
grant program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon
the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting
2 the New York state urban development corporation act, is amended by
3 adding a new section 16-bb to read as follows:

4 § 16-bb. New York business COVID-19 modification grant program. 1.
5 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, from
6 remaining and future federal funds provided for COVID-19 relief, includ-
7 ing, but not limited to, monies that have been allocated to the state of
8 New York by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
9 (CARES) Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-136) and the Consolidated Appropriations
10 Act of 2021 (P.L. 116-260) that have not otherwise been obligated, the
11 empire state development corporation shall make grants available pursu-
12 ant to this section to provide grants for New York state business enter-
13 prises, as defined in section one hundred thirty-nine-i of the state
14 finance law, or non-profitmaking organizations as defined in section one
15 hundred ninety of the labor law, to cover expenses related to complying
16 with any state-mandated guidelines for reopening, pursuant to any execu-
17 tive order related to the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to
18 executive order 202 of 2020, including, but not limited to, modifying
19 the layout of a building, technology upgrades, the purchase of new
20 equipment and supplies, including personal protective equipment, and
21 training employees on new business practices necessary to comply with
22 any such order. Such grants shall also be allowed for the reimbursement

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

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1 of such expenses which were incurred to comply with any state-mandated
2 guidelines for reopening that were expended prior to the application or
3 award of such grant.

4 2. (a) Grants made pursuant to this section shall, as far as practica-
5 ble, be equitably distributed among all regions of the state, reflective
6 of the economic impact on each region due to the closure or limitation
7 of business operations due to any executive order issued by the governor
8 related to the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive
9 order 202 of 2020.

10 (b) Priority for grants pursuant to this section shall be given to
11 small businesses as defined in section one hundred thirty-one of the
12 economic development law.

13 3. The empire state development corporation shall create an applica-
14 tion process for such grants, and shall promulgate rules and regulations
15 for awarding and distributing grants pursuant to this section.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
17 deemed repealed October 1, 2022.