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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing a municipal renewable energy system siting database

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. Implementing renewable energy systems
2 is critical to achieve the goals in the Climate Leadership and Community
3 Protection Act. This bill would establish an actively managed database
4 for municipalities interested in siting renewable energy systems on
5 available land within their boundaries. This database will allow munici-
6 palities to publish their renewable energy goals and facilitate the
7 development of renewable energy systems.

8 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
9 1885 to read as follows:

10 § 1885. Municipal renewable energy system siting database. 1. The
11 authority shall establish and manage a municipal renewable energy siting
12 database to help municipalities facilitate the deployment of renewable
13 energy systems, as defined in section sixty-six-p of the public service
14 law, on municipal property within their boundaries.

15 2. The database shall be publicly available and at a minimum include
16 the following information for municipalities that notify the authority
17 of their interest in participating:

18 a. contact information for the designated municipal representative;
19 b. the type or types of renewable energy systems the municipality is
20 interested in developing;
21 c. an estimate of the amount and type of available municipal property;
22 d. a summary of applicable local laws concerning the environment or
23 public health safety to help facilitate compliance with the permitting
24 process pursuant to section ninety-four-c of the executive law; and

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

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1 e. any other information the authority deems relevant.

2 3. The authority shall provide any technical assistance to help
3 promote siting.

4 4. The database shall be actively managed and updated regularly by the
5 authority.

6 5. The authority shall prepare and publish on their website an annual
7 report that contains at a minimum the following information:

8 a. how many new municipalities were added to the database since the
9 prior year;

10 b. what type of renewable energy systems were primarily requested by
11 municipalities;

12 c. the estimated number of megawatts generated by renewable energy
13 systems that were developed as a result of the database; and

14 d. steps taken to promote awareness of the database.

15 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 1902 of the public
16 authorities law, as added by section 6 of part JJJ of chapter 58 of the
17 laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

18 (b) In making such assessment the authority shall give priority to
19 previously developed sites, existing or abandoned commercial sites,
20 including without limitation brownfields, landfills, former commercial
21 or industrial sites, dormant electric generating sites, locations listed
22 on the municipal renewable energy system siting database pursuant to
23 section eighteen hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law or
24 otherwise underutilized sites;

25 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
26 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to
27 paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 1902 of the public authorities
28 law made by section three of this act shall be subject to the expiration
29 and repeal of such section and shall expire and be deemed repealed ther-
30 ewith.