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AN ACT to create the Kings Park land redevelopment task force and to postpone the sale of property at the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center Campus

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law to the contrary, any state agency, authority or other special entity empowered by the state to sell, lease or convey any real properties which may be available for sale, lease or conveyance at the former campus of the Kings Park Psychiatric Center shall postpone any sale, lease or conveyance of real property at the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center until December 15, 2010 or thereafter or until the submission of the final report and recommendations for appropriate zoning and planning by the Kings Park land redevelopment task force in accordance with section two of this act.

S 2. (a) There is hereby created a Kings Park land redevelopment task force. Such task force shall consist of eleven voting members to be appointed by the governor as follows: one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the town supervisor of the town of Smithtown; one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the town board of the town of Smithtown; two shall be residents of the Kings Park central school district; two shall be members of the local chamber of commerce; one shall be a local environmental representative; and two shall be members of local civic associations. All members of the task force shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this act. The chair and the vice chair of the task force shall be designated by the governor and shall be members of the task force. Members in

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

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general shall be selected for their expertise in land use and redevelopment strategies, economic development knowledge and/or involvement in local community issues. Eight members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of organizing the task force and conducting the meetings thereof. Members of the task force shall serve without salary but shall be allowed their necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The task force shall meet not less than once a month until a final report and recommendations are submitted in accordance with subdivision (d) of this section.

(b) Such task force shall serve to develop recommendations for the potential reuse of land and buildings permitted to be developed at the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center campus. All state agencies shall provide their expertise and, where possible, their resources to assist the task force in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. Specifically, the task force shall develop recommendations which include the following:

(i) potential reuses for the land and buildings permitted to be developed including but not limited to reuse, rehabilitation and/or conveyance to private, commercial, governmental or not-for-profit interests and an analysis of the impact of those new uses on the affected communities;

(ii) consideration of the best interests of the region and the state, including employment needs of area residents;

(iii) community interests as embodied in local master plans including the local waterfront revitalization plan, and laws or ordinances enacted and in effect in community areas; and

(iv) direct input from the community concerning future uses of the real property.

(c) Within six months after the appointment of the members of the task force, the task force shall hold a public hearing. Thereafter, the task force shall consider and incorporate the comments made at such hearing into preliminary recommendations. Such preliminary recommendations shall be published and made available to the public, and submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly within nine months of the effective date of this act. Following the publishing and submission of such preliminary recommendations, the task force shall provide at least 30 days but not more than 45 days for public comment on the recommendations.

(d) Upon completion of assessments and evaluations for redevelopment of the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center campus the task force shall develop and submit a final report including but not limited to the following:

(i) potential reuses for land and buildings at the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center campus and an analysis of the impact of those new uses on the affected communities;

(ii) the procedure used by the task force to involve and allow for the participation of community residents and local governments in the identifying of alternate uses for land and buildings at the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center campus; and

(iii) a final detailed recommendation for the reuse, redevelopment and/or conveyance of designated available land and buildings on the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center campus that are to the largest extent feasible consistent with applicable state and local laws and, in particular, with the town of Smithtown local waterfront revitalization plan as approved by the state. The task force shall submit its final

report of recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on or before December 1, 2010.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.