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AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of housing and community renewal to establish and meet with an advisory committee on the neighborhood preservation and rural preservation program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 14 of the public housing law is amended by adding a new paragraph (x) to read as follows:

(X) ESTABLISH AND MEET WITH AT LEAST SEMI-ANNUALLY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND RURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONCERN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COMPANIES, AREAS OF CONCERN FOR RURAL PRESERVATION COMPANIES, AREAS OF CONCERN FOR THE DIVISION, AND AREAS OF CONCERN SHARED BY THE COMPANIES AND THE DIVISION RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ARTICLES SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN OF THE PRIVATE HOUSING FINANCE LAW AND TO PROPOSE POLICIES TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE SIXTEEN MEMBERS. THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY SHALL EACH APPOINT TO THE COMMITTEE TWO NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE RURAL PRESERVATION COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMITTEE ONE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE RURAL PRESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COALITION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC., OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL HOUSING COALITION, INC., OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE ON THE

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

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COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS OF TWO YEARS BEGINNING ON THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ISSUE ANNUALLY A REPORT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES TO THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND TO THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. THIS REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, A SUMMARY OF ALL FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE AND A SUMMARY OF EACH AREA OF CONCERN SHARED BY AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AS DETERMINED BY A VOTE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THE ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSIST COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE REASONABLE AND TIMELY ACCESS TO ALL STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION THE RELEASE OF WHICH IS NOT OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.