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AN ACT in relation to creating a temporary state commission to develop a "made in New York" program for the purpose of fostering the growth of business and industry in New York state and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that thirty years ago, New York state was the largest manufacturing state in the country. The legislature recognizes that New York state is one of the largest consumers of manufactured goods in the world; recognizing that many of our social problems and dependence on government is a result of the destruction of such manufacturing center; and recognizing that a strong employment sector will allow New York state to advance the welfare of all of its citizens. The legislature finds that it is therefore necessary and imperative that the legislature develop a comprehensive strategy to rebuild New York state's durable and non-durable manufacturing base. It is therefore the intent of the legislature that the "made in New York" program be the vehicle to accomplish this objective.

S 2. A temporary state commission is hereby created to develop programs and policies for the purpose of enhancing and fostering the introduction, expansion and growth of business and industry in New York state. Such commission shall develop a "made in New York" program including, but not limited, to the following:

(a) Choose target industries which would have a positive effect on New York state and its residents and would be beneficial to the financial well being of this state.

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

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(b) Develop voluntary programs with New York state colleges and universities to train students to work in the selected target industries, including specific education in starting and running a business.

(c) Create a tax credit or other similar incentive for employers who hire students from these programs including full-time, part-time and summer employment.

S 3. The commission shall consist of fourteen members to be appointed as follows: the commissioner of economic development; the commissioner of labor; a representative of the SUNY system; a representative from the independent colleges and universities in New York state; four persons appointed by the governor including one from a labor interest and one from business; two persons appointed by the temporary president of the senate; two appointed by the speaker of the assembly; one appointed by the minority leader in the senate and one appointed by the minority leader in the assembly. The governor shall designate the chairperson from among his appointees. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

S 4. The commission may meet within and without the state, shall hold public hearings, and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

S 5. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

S 6. To the maximum extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources, and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to carry out properly its powers and duties hereunder.

S 7. The commission shall make a preliminary report to the legislature of its conclusions and recommendations, including legislative proposals necessary to implement the suggested programs, not later than June 1, 2009.

S 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2011, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed.