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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring street numbers to be displayed on buildings

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 125-b to read as follows:

S 125-B. POSTING OF STREET NUMBERS. 1. REQUIREMENTS. THE OWNER, AGENT, LESSEE OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF ANY BUILDING OR DWELLING UPON A STREET TO WHICH STREET NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS OR DWELLINGS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING IS SITUATED, SHALL CAUSE THE PROPER STREET NUMBER OR NUMBERS OF SUCH BUILDINGS OR DWELLINGS TO BE DISPLAYED IN SUCH MANNER THAT THE STREET NUMBER OR NUMBERS MAY AT ALL TIMES BE PLAINLY LEGIBLE FROM A VEHICLE ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING UNDER CLEAR WEATHER CONDITIONS AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY. SUCH NUMBER OR NUMBERS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A LIGHT SOURCE WHICH IS IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION, DURING THE PERIOD FROM ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER SUNSET TO ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE. THE LIGHT SOURCE SHALL ILLUMINATE THE NUMBER OR NUMBERS AND ENCOMPASS A TWO TO FOUR INCH BOARDER SURROUNDING SUCH NUMBER OR NUMBERS. THE TERM "FRONT" AS USED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT SIDE OF THE BUILDING OR DWELLING WHICH FACES THE STREET ON WHICH THE NUMBER OR NUMBERS OF SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED. THE NUMBER OR NUMBERS SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON SUCH SIDE OF SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING. EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SIZE, FORM, VISIBILITY, LOCATION AND

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

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LIGHTING OF STREET NUMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

2. VIOLATIONS. IF THE OWNER, AGENT, LESSEE OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF ANY BUILDING OR DWELLING UPON A STREET TO WHICH STREET NUMBERS OF BUILDINGS OR DWELLINGS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING IS SITUATED SHALL FAIL TO DISPLAY THE PROPER STREET NUMBER OR NUMBERS OF SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING IS SITUATED SHALL FORTHWITH SERVE SUCH PERSON OR PERSONS WITH A COPY OF THIS SECTION, AND IF AFTER THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE, THE OWNER, LESSEE, AGENT OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF SUCH BUILDING OR DWELLING SHALL FAIL OR NEGLECT TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS THEREOF, HE OR SHE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, WHICH SHALL BE SUED FOR AND COLLECTED IN THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL CONTINUE ANY SUCH VIOLATION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY AN ADDITIONAL FINE OF FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY SUCH VIOLATION CONTINUES.

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