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Introduced by M. of A. ALESSI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments -- recommitted to the Committee on Local Governments in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to minimum height requirements of helicopters and small aircraft over congested cities, towns, villages or settlements

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 245 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 518 of the laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Over congested areas. Over congested areas of cities, towns, villages or settlements, or over an open-air assembly of persons, an altitude of one thousand feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of two thousand feet from the aircraft. Helicopters [may] AND SMALL AIRCRAFT CARRYING TEN OR FEWER PASSENGERS SHALL NOT be flown at less than [the minimum prescribed herein if such operations are conducted without hazard to persons or property on the surface and at an] TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET; PROVIDED, HOWEVER THEY MAY BE FLOWN AT LESS THAN SUCH altitude which will permit an emergency landing without undue hazard to persons or property on the surface;

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

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

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