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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a senior housing task force

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

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 203-a to read as follows:

S 203-A. SENIOR HOUSING TASK FORCE. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OFFICE A SENIOR HOUSING TASK FORCE WHICH SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF THE STATE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS AND SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCIES: THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE DIVISION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING. OF THE EIGHT REMAINING MEMBERS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOM-

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

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MENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, AND SHALL BROADLY REPRESENT HOUSING AND SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS FROM ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE INCLUDING SERVICE PROVIDERS, ASSOCIATIONS, ADVOCATES, PROPRIETORS, AND CONSUMERS OF FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, ADULT HOMES, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, AND CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES. MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE CO-CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL. THE TASK FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING A STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF SENIOR HOUSING NEEDS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AND DIFFERENT NEEDS OF THE SENIORS IN THOSE AREAS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THOSE DIFFERENT AREAS AND PROJECT THOSE NEEDS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS; OTHER FACTORS WHICH SHALL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ARE: HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF SENIORS, THE LONG TERM CARE NEEDS OF SENIORS, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SENIORS, OR NEEDED BY SENIORS, AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF SENIORS. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF INNOVATIVE APPROACHES SUCCESSFULLY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER STATES AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THIS STATE. SUCH ASSESSMENT SHALL ALSO DEVELOP A VIABLE PLAN FOR PROVIDING QUALITY SENIOR HOUSING TO MEET THE PROJECTED NEEDS OF SENIORS WITH ACTIONS, STEPS AND TIME FRAMES.

2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A REPORT BY JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE OUTLINING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE STATE PLAN WITH TIME FRAMES. THE REPORT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AGING, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEES IN THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AGING, HEALTH AND HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE.

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