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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to authorizing regional offices not only to provide information on regional economic development, but also provide assistance with regulatory compliance

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 231 of the economic development
2 law, as amended by chapter 98 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. The department, through its regional offices, is authorized: (a) to
5 serve as a center for information regarding economic development
6 resources available from state, federal and local agencies; (b) to
7 provide outreach to businesses, with attention to SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED
8 BUSINESSES, INCLUDING minority and women-owned business enterprises, for
9 financial and technical assistance offered by state economic development
10 agencies, AUTHORITIES, OR OTHER ECONOMIC ENTITIES; (c) to serve as a
11 regional center to accept applications for state economic development
12 programs, LICENSES, AND PERMITS; (d) to coordinate the economic develop-
13 ment programs and activities of state agencies and authorities within
14 each region including, but not limited to, outreach to businesses, tech-
15 nical assistance services, skills training assistance, sharing of infor-
16 mation, strategic economic development plans and programs, ASSISTANCE IN
17 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL RULES, REGULATIONS, PERMITS,
18 AND LICENSES, and other measures to enhance regional economic develop-
19 ment and eliminate duplication of services; (e) to provide or arrange
20 for assistance to persons, firms, agencies, partnerships or corpo-
21 rations, either public or private, in applying for assistance from state
22 economic development programs OR FOR NECESSARY LICENSES AND PERMITS OR
23 SEEKING TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS;

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

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1 (f) to review and comment, within their knowledge and expertise, with
2 respect to applications for state assistance[,] OR FOR NECESSARY
3 LICENSES AND PERMITS, OR TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH
4 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS in a TIMELY manner and
5 form prescribed by the commissioner; (g) to distribute literature and
6 marketing material describing the facilities, advantages and attractions
7 of the region for business; (h) to provide economic development informa-
8 tion, planning services and technical assistance to counties and munici-
9 palities within the region; (i) to provide information and assistance in
10 the certification of minority and women-owned business enterprises; (j)
11 to provide or arrange for assistance to private sector employers, wheth-
12 er operating for profit or not for profit, and to organizations and
13 associations of such employers in developing and implementing innovative
14 and flexible employee compensation, assistance and benefit programs to
15 enhance competitiveness and meet emerging demographic and market condi-
16 tions; and (k) to provide information and assistance to small businesses
17 on environmental compliance requirements of federal and state law and
18 pollution prevention opportunities in furtherance of policies and
19 programs established in article twenty-eight of the environmental
20 conservation law and in coordination with the pollution prevention and
21 environmental compliance coordinating council established in article
22 twenty-eight of the environmental conservation law, including programs
23 operated by the department, the department of environmental conservation
24 or other state or local agencies from which technical assistance, or
25 loans, grants or other financial assistance for compliance and pollution
26 prevention may be obtained; and in providing such information and
27 assistance, to promote pollution prevention approaches.

28 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.