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ic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, the New York state urban
development corporation act and the executive law, in relation to
small business crime prevention services

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

- 1 Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new
2 section 139 to read as follows:
3 S 139. SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS
4 HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DIVISION A SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION
5 SERVICES PROGRAM.
6 2. THE SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM, DIRECTLY AND
7 IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH OTHER
8 AGENCIES OF THE STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHALL
9 PROVIDE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:
10 (A) INFORMATION ON STRATEGIES, BEST PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERING
11 TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTION OF CRIMES IN AND AROUND THE PREM-
12 ISES OF SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHERWISE AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESSES,
13 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: ASSAULT, ARSON AND OTHER VIOLENT FELONY
14 OFFENSES; ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD; AND
15 VANDALISM, GRAFFITI AND OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE;
16 (B) INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSIST-
17 ANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (L) OF
18 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTEEN-M OF SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE
19 HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT;
20 (C) INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS OF
21 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION THAT MAY FROM
22 TIME TO TIME BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCIES OF THE
23 STATE, FEDERAL AGENCIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

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

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1 (D) INFORMATION ON PROTECTING THE ASSETS OF SMALL BUSINESSES FROM
2 CRIME, INCLUDING RISK REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND INSURANCE AVAILABILITY;
3 AND

4 (E) INFORMATION ON RESPONSES TO CRIME, INCLUDING REPORTING OF CRIMES,
5 SUBMITTING INSURANCE CLAIMS AND CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

6 3. THE SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL, WITH
7 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER APPROPRI-
8 ATE STATE AGENCIES, IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATING TO CRIME AFFECTING SMALL
9 BUSINESSES AND ASSIST THE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE DIVISION IN MAKING
10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND PROGRAMMATIC ACTIONS TO
11 ADDRESS SUCH ISSUES.

12 S 2. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 1 of section 16-m of section 1 of
13 chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban
14 development corporation act, as added by section 4 of part FF of chapter
15 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended and a new paragraph (l) is added to
16 read as follows:

17 (k) Assistance for regional partnership proposals, as provided in
18 subdivision 12 of section 3154 of the public authorities law[.]; AND

19 (L) LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, INTEREST SUBSIDIES AND GRANTS TO SMALL
20 BUSINESSES, MUNICIPALITIES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS OR OTHER ORGAN-
21 IZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING CRIMES AGAINST SMALL BUSINESSES
22 OR ON THE PREMISES OR IN THE VICINITY OF SMALL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING
23 SUCH ACTIVITIES AS INITIATING OR MAINTAINING BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAMS,
24 INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING, SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PHYSICAL IMPROVE-
25 MENTS TO PREVENT OR DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND
26 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO OWNERS, OPERATORS AND EMPLOYEES OF SMALL
27 BUSINESSES ON EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES. PREFERENCE IN
28 AWARDED ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE GIVEN TO
29 PROJECTS THAT WILL BENEFIT DISTRESSED AREAS OR OTHER AREAS WITH A DEMON-
30 STRATED NEED BASED ON CRIME STATISTICS, PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE A LOCAL OR
31 PRIVATE-SECTOR MATCH, AND PROJECTS THAT DEMONSTRATE A LIKELIHOOD OF
32 POSITIVE IMPACT ON CRIME PREVENTION. THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
33 SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF
34 SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION ASSISTANCE.

35 S 3. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
36 subdivision 19 to read as follows:

37 19. PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DIVISION FOR SMALL BUSINESS
38 IN DEVELOPING AND OPERATING A PROGRAM OF SMALL BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION
39 SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THE ECONOMIC
40 DEVELOPMENT LAW, AND PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE URBAN DEVELOP-
41 MENT CORPORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF SMALL BUSINESS
42 CRIME PREVENTION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (L) OF SUBDIVISION ONE
43 OF SECTION SIXTEEN-M OF SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR
44 OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT.

45 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
46 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that
47 the department of economic development, the New York state urban devel-
48 opment corporation and the division of criminal justice services shall
49 be immediately authorized to take any and all actions necessary to fully
50 implement the provisions of this act on such date; and further provided
51 that the amendments to section 16-m of the urban development corporation
52 act made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of
53 such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.