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AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to establishing a resident curator program for the rehabilitation of state park buildings

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

1 Section 1. Section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-h to read as follows:
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4 2-H. BE EMPOWERED, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF PROPERTY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM. THE TERM "RESIDENT CURATOR" SHALL MEAN A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS WHO INVEST PRIVATE FUNDS TO REHABILITATE AND MAINTAIN AN UNDER-UTILIZED AND/OR VACANT BUILDING UNDER THE OFFICE'S JURISDICTION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO LEASE SUCH BUILDINGS TO A RESIDENT CURATOR FOR THE LIFE OF THE RESIDENT CURATOR OR FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RESIDENT CURATOR ASSUMING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH BUILDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE REASONABLE RIGHTS OF ACCESS, UTILITIES AND PARKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROMULGATE THE RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING BUILDINGS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROGRAM AND THE CRITERIA USED TO SELECT RESPONSIBLE RESIDENT CURATORS.
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19 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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