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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the executive law, in relation to global warming pollution control

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

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. Global warming poses a serious threat
2 to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources and envi-
3 ronment of New York. The potential adverse impacts of global warming
4 include the exacerbation of air quality problems, a reduction in the
5 quality and supply of water to the state, a rise in sea levels resulting
6 in the displacement of coastal businesses, residents and infrastructure,
7 damage to marine ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase
8 in the incidences of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human
9 health-related problems. Global warming will have detrimental effects
10 on some of New York's largest industries, including agriculture, tour-
11 ism, skiing, recreational and commercial fishing and forestry.
12 The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, awarded the 2007 Nobel
13 Peace Prize, determined that burning coal, oil and gas has led to higher
14 temperatures that are already impacting physical and biological systems.
15 The panel also projected temperatures would rise more rapidly if green-
16 house gases are not abated. The panel concluded that reducing emissions
17 80 percent below current emissions by mid-century would prevent the
18 worst impacts of global warming.
19 National and international actions are necessary to fully address the
20 issue of global warming. Action taken by New York and other states to
21 reduce emissions of greenhouse gases will have far-reaching effects by
22 encouraging the federal government, and other countries to act including
23 encouraging the development of sustainable, non-polluting technologies

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

1 such as solar, wind, geothermal and ocean currents. New York state
2 needs to continue its leadership in addressing global warming; building
3 on the progress gained by creating the regional greenhouse gas initi-
4 ative. The legislature recognizes the steps taken by the state in moving
5 forward on the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to generate thirty
6 percent of our energy needs from renewable sources by 2015, the energy
7 efficiency portfolio standard to reduce electric usage by fifteen
8 percent by 2015, and the work of the state climate action plan to reduce
9 our greenhouse gas emissions.

10 S 2. Article 19 of the environmental conservation law is amended by
11 adding a new title 13 to read as follows:

12 TITLE 13

13 GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION CONTROL

14 SECTION 19-1301. SHORT TITLE.

15 19-1303. DEFINITIONS.

16 19-1305. GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING.

17 19-1307. GREENHOUSE GAS LIMITS.

18 S 19-1301. SHORT TITLE.

19 THIS TITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION CONTROL ACT".

20 S 19-1303. DEFINITIONS.

21 WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE:

22 1. "GREENHOUSE GAS" MEANS CARBON DIOXIDE, METHANE, NITROUS OXIDE,
23 HYDROFLUOROCARBONS, PERFLUOROCARBONS, SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE, AND ANY OTHER
24 GAS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO
25 GLOBAL WARMING.

26 2. "GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCE" MEANS ANY SOURCE OR CATEGORY OF
27 SOURCES OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMIT-
28 ED TO EMISSIONS:

29 (A) ASSOCIATED WITH FOSSIL FUELS USED IN THE STATE BY ENTITIES THAT
30 ARE MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF FOSSIL FUELS;

31 (B) FROM ANY UTILITY GENERATING OR DELIVERING ELECTRICITY CONSUMED IN
32 THE STATE, WHETHER THE ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED IN THE STATE, OR GENER-
33 ATED OUTSIDE THE STATE AND IMPORTED INTO THE STATE, AND ACCOUNTING FOR
34 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINE LOSSES; AND

35 (C) FROM ANY ADDITIONAL ENTITIES THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT EMITTERS OF
36 GREENHOUSE GASES, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROPRIATE TO
37 ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE EMISSIONS LIMITS
38 FOR GREENHOUSE GASES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.

39 S 19-1305. GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING.

40 1. NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2011, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES
41 AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING ANNUAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORTING FROM
42 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCES. THE REGULATIONS SHALL:

43 (A) INCLUDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ALL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION
44 SOURCES EXPRESSED IN TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENTS;

45 (B) ENSURE RIGOROUS AND CONSISTENT ACCOUNTING OF EMISSIONS, AND
46 PROVIDE REPORTING TOOLS AND FORMATS TO ENSURE COLLECTION OF NECESSARY
47 DATA;

48 (C) ENSURE THAT EACH GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCE MAINTAINS COMPRE-
49 HENSIVE EMISSIONS RECORDS OF ANY GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTED FOR AT LEAST
50 THREE YEARS; AND

51 (D) NOT REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM AGRI-
52 CULTURAL SOURCES THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
53 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 40 CFR 98.

54 2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

1 (A) PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND UPDATE ITS EMISSION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
2 AT LEAST EVERY FIVE YEARS; AND

3 (B) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO MAKE ITS REPORTING REGULATIONS CONSIST-
4 ENT WITH INTERNATIONAL, FEDERAL AND OTHER STATES' GREENHOUSE GAS EMIS-
5 SION REPORTING PROGRAMS.

6 3. NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2013, AND EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER,
7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REPORT ON:

8 (A) THE ANNUAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ALL SIGNIFICANT GREEN-
9 HOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCES, INCLUDING THE RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH
10 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCE TO STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS;
11 AND

12 (B) THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE STATE IN ACHIEVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
13 SECTION 19-1307 OF THIS TITLE.
14 S 19-1307. GREENHOUSE GAS LIMITS.

15 1. NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2013, THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER PUBLIC HEAR-
16 INGS, SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS SETTING AN ENFORCEABLE
17 LIMIT ON THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ALL GREEN-
18 HOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY
19 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S NEW YORK STATE ECONOMY-WIDE GREEN
20 HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY WHICH SHALL ANNUALLY BE UPDATED AND MADE
21 PUBLIC, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE AGGREGATE LIMIT SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO
22 THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1990.

23 2. (A) ON JANUARY 1, 2020 THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF
24 THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY 20 PERCENT.

25 (B) ON JANUARY 1, 2030 THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF
26 THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY 40 PERCENT.

27 (C) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2030, THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON FINDINGS
28 FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS, SHALL
29 MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A LAW
30 SETTING AN ENFORCEABLE LIMIT ON THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF GREENHOUSE GAS
31 EMISSIONS FROM ALL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SOURCES TO BE ESTABLISHED ON
32 JANUARY 1, 2040 THAT MAXIMIZES THE ABILITY OF THE STATE TO MEET THE
33 STATEWIDE EMISSION LIMIT STATED IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

34 (D) ON JANUARY 1, 2050, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE LIMIT SHALL
35 REMAIN AT 80 PERCENT BELOW THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF
36 THIS SECTION.

37 3. ANY RULE OR REGULATION THE COMMISSIONER ADOPTS TO COMPLY WITH THIS
38 SECTION AND TO IMPLEMENT THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CREATED BY THE CLIMATE
39 ACTION COUNCIL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE-C OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW
40 MUST:

41 (A) BE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN PUBLIC PROCESS;

42 (B) ACHIEVE EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM SOURCES IN A MANNER THAT IS EQUI-
43 TABLE, SEEKS TO MINIMIZE COSTS AND MAXIMIZE THE TOTAL BENEFITS TO THE
44 STATE, AND ENCOURAGE EARLY ACTION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS;

45 (C) CONSIDER OVERALL SOCIETAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING REDUCTIONS IN OTHER
46 AIR POLLUTANTS, DIVERSIFICATION OF ENERGY SOURCE, AND OTHER BENEFITS TO
47 THE ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC HEALTH;

48 (D) CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH SOURCE OR
49 CATEGORY OF SOURCES TO STATEWIDE EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES;

50 (E) CONSIDER UTILIZING APPROACHES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO AVOID UNDUE
51 DELETERIOUS ECONOMIC EFFECTS OR OVERLY BURDENSOME IMPACTS UPON PERSONS
52 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE RULE OR REGULATION OR UPON THE
53 ECONOMY OR ADMINISTRATION OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES;

54 (F) NOT PLACE OR INCREASE AN ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL OR HEALTH BURDEN
55 ON A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF REGULATED AIR CONTAMINANT

1 SOURCE EMISSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS COMPARED WITH THE COUNTY AVER-
2 AGE;

3 (G) BE COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS PROGRAMS; AND

4 (H) INCLUDE A PLAN TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE TO ADDRESS ADAPTATION TO
5 CLIMATE CHANGE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC
6 HABITATS, PLANTS AND ANIMAL SPECIES, CONNECTIVITY OF HABITATS, AND
7 ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROVIDED BY NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING BUT NOT
8 LIMITED TO FLOOD CONTROL AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLY.

9 (I) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ACTIONS TAKEN BY ENTITIES THAT HAVE VOLUNTARILY
10 AND NOT UNDER REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER STATE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION
11 PROGRAMS, REDUCED THEIR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMEN-
12 TATION OF THIS TITLE RECEIVE APPROPRIATE CREDIT FOR EARLY VOLUNTARY
13 REDUCTIONS.

14 S 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 21-C to read
15 as follows:

16 ARTICLE 21-C

17 CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL

18 SECTION 615. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

19 616. CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL; CREATION; MEMBERSHIP.

20 617. GENERAL FUNCTIONS; POWERS AND DUTIES.

21 S 615. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. IT SHALL BE THE GOAL OF THE STATE OF NEW
22 YORK TO REDUCE CURRENT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM ALL SOURCES WITHIN
23 THE STATE EIGHTY PERCENT BELOW LEVELS EMITTED IN THE YEAR NINETEEN
24 HUNDRED NINETY BY THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTY. TO THAT END, THE CLIMATE
25 ACTION COUNCIL IS NEEDED TO FORM AND COORDINATE A PLAN TO REDUCE SUCH
26 EMISSIONS. THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL AND ITS PLAN FOR REDUCING SUCH
27 EMISSIONS IS NOT INTENDED TO BE STATIC, BUT RATHER A DYNAMIC AND CONTIN-
28 UALLY EVOLVING STRATEGY TO ASSESS AND ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF SUSTAINED
29 REDUCTIONS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

30 S 616. CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL; CREATION; MEMBERSHIP. 1. THERE IS
31 HEREBY CREATED A CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL ("COUNCIL") CONSISTING OF THE
32 COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRON-
33 MENTAL CONSERVATION, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, AND TRANSPORTATION;
34 THE CHAIRS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE METROPOLITAN TRANS-
35 PORTATION AUTHORITY; THE PRESIDENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY
36 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY, NEW
37 YORK POWER AUTHORITY AND DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK;
38 THE SECRETARY OF STATE; THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET; THE DIRECTOR OF
39 STATE OPERATIONS; AND THE COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR; PLUS SIX ADDITIONAL
40 MEMBERS WITH INDIVIDUAL EXPERTISE IN AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
41 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENERGY ISSUES,
42 WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS; TWO MEMBERS BY THE TEMPORARY PRESI-
43 DENT OF THE SENATE, TWO MEMBERS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ONE
44 MEMBER BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER BY THE MINOR-
45 ITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. ALL SUCH APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY
46 FEBRUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN. THE DIRECTOR OF STATE OPERATIONS
47 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.

48 2. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE STAFF MEMBER TO
49 REPRESENT THEM AND PARTICIPATE ON THE COUNCIL ON THEIR BEHALF, SUBJECT
50 TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIR. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
51 SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM, AND ALL ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
52 COUNCIL SHALL REQUIRE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL MEMBERS OR
53 THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE
54 FOUR YEAR TERMS. VACANCIES TO THE COUNCIL SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME
55 MANNER AS THE MEMBER WHOSE VACANCY IS BEING FILLED WAS APPOINTED.

1 S 617. GENERAL FUNCTIONS; POWERS AND DUTIES. 1. THE COUNCIL SHALL
2 PREPARE A DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH,
3 TWO THOUSAND TEN. THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEAR-
4 INGS ON THE DRAFT PLAN, AND SHALL ALLOW AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS FOR THE
5 SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO
6 THOUSAND FIFTEEN AND EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL
7 UPDATE THE FINAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, WHICH ADDRESSES EACH ITEM IDENTI-
8 FIED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WHICH
9 SHALL BE REVIEWED AND, IF WARRANTED, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY THE COUNCIL,
10 SHALL INCLUDE A DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION OF THE ABILITY OF THE STATE
11 AND PRIVATE MARKETS TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND OTHER
12 RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOUND IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND RECOMMENDATIONS
13 FOR NEW OR AMENDED POLICIES AS NEEDED TO CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT
14 TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION AND REALIZATION OF SUCH POLICES AND PROGRAMS.

15 2. IN ASPIRING TO MEET THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION GOAL, THE
16 COUNCIL, IN PREPARING THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, SHALL:

17 A. INVENTORY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE
18 RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH TYPE OF EMISSION SOURCE;

19 B. IDENTIFY AND ASSESS SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM ACTIONS TO REDUCE
20 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACROSS ALL ECONOMIC
21 SECTORS, INCLUDING INDUSTRY, TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, BUILDING
22 CONSTRUCTION AND ENERGY PRODUCTION;

23 C. IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE THE ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS, AND THE ECONOMIC
24 IMPLICATIONS THEREOF, AS A RESULT OF EACH ACTION;

25 D. IDENTIFY THE ANTICIPATED LIFE-CYCLE IMPLICATIONS, CONSEQUENCES,
26 BENEFITS AND COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING EACH ACTION, INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS,
27 CONSEQUENCES, BENEFITS AND COSTS TO THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSI-
28 NESS AND RESIDENTS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH OPTION AND ACTION;

29 E. IDENTIFY WHETHER SUCH ACTIONS SUPPORT NEW YORK'S GOALS FOR A CLEAN
30 ENERGY ECONOMY, INCLUDING SPECIFIC SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC
31 DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DISADVANTAGES RELATED TO GREENHOUSE GAS
32 EMISSION REDUCTIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW AND EMERG-
33 ING TECHNOLOGIES AND ENERGY SOURCES INCLUDING IDENTIFYING THE AVAILABIL-
34 ITY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES;

35 F. COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES WITH THE STATE ENERGY PLANNING PROCESS OF
36 THE STATE ENERGY PLANNING BOARD;

37 G. IDENTIFY EXISTING LEGAL, REGULATORY AND POLICY CONSTRAINTS TO
38 REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, ASSESSING THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE
39 CHANGE, AND ECOSYSTEM BASED ADAPTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND RECOMMEND
40 MEASURES NEEDED TO ADDRESS ANY SUCH CONSTRAINTS. RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD
41 CONSIDER SUCH FACTORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEASIBILITY, SOCIOE-
42 CONOMIC AND NATURAL RESOURCE VALUES; PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS; COMMUNITY
43 CHARACTER AND THE IMPACT RESULTING FROM INACTION.

44 H. EVALUATING AND ASSESSING ANY ADAPTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN TERMS
45 OF FEASIBILITY, ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND EFFECTIVENESS.
46 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "ADAPTIVE MEASURES" REFERS TO
47 ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE ANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES OF
48 CLIMATE CHANGE;

49 I. IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING CURRENT EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK
50 STATE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS SPECIFIC SECTORS INCLUDING AGRI-
51 CULTURE, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, INSURANCE AND INDUSTRIAL
52 AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS ABOUT PROJECTED IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE;

53 J. ESTABLISH ESTIMATED TIMELINES FOR CONSIDERING AND IMPLEMENTING
54 ACTIONS; AND

1 K. UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTIONS, AND COMPILE SUCH ADDITIONAL MATERIAL, AS
2 DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COUNCIL IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES
3 UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 3. THE ENTITIES REPRESENTED ON THE COUNCIL ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE
5 THE PRIMARY STAFF AND OTHER RESOURCES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL
6 TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, EVERY OTHER AGENCY, DEPART-
7 MENT, OFFICE, DIVISION AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY OF THIS STATE SHALL COOPER-
8 ATE WITH THE COUNCIL AND FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AS THE
9 COUNCIL DETERMINES IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR IT TO COMPLY WITH THIS
10 SECTION.

11 4. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE ADVISORY PANELS TO ASSIST OR ADVISE IT IN
12 AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL EXPERTISE OR KNOWLEDGE.

13 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.