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AN ACT to enact the "wireless facility siting act"; to establish a one hundred twenty day moratorium upon the construction of wireless facilities in cities; to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the placement, construction and modification of wireless services facilities; to direct the department of health to study, evaluate and make recommendations on the health effects of radio frequency signals and microwave energy emitted by wireless communications service facilities and wireless communications devices; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. Legislative intent. Municipal control over the siting of  
2 wireless services facilities is an important component of municipal home  
3 rule. The legislature recognizes the federal, state and local interests  
4 of providing for proper and convenient wireless services to the public.  
5 As such, the legislature needs to balance the interests of providing  
6 quality wireless communication services with local concerns on the inap-  
7 propriate siting of telecommunications towers. This act provides for a  
8 process of municipal review for applications to site, construct and  
9 modify wireless services facilities. Such process must incorporate the  
10 needs and desires of the local community, with regard to the public  
11 health, environmental and aesthetic ramifications of such siting. It is  
12 the intent of the legislature in adopting the "wireless facility siting

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

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act" to implement enabling legislation which specifically sets forth a uniform statewide process for municipal review of applications for the placement, construction and modification of wireless services facilities in all municipalities that do not have local laws to regulate the placement of such towers. Each municipality shall be able to enact approval processes that are more strict than those established by this act.

S 2. Short title. This act shall be known as and may be cited as the "wireless facility siting act".

S 3. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new article 13-E to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 13-E

##### WIRELESS FACILITY SITING ACT

#### SECTION 300. DEFINITIONS.

##### 301. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

##### 302. MINIMUM STATE-WIDE PROCEDURE FOR MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF PERMIT REQUESTS.

##### 303. STANDARDS FOR REVIEW AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A WIRELESS FACILITY.

##### 304. CO-LOCATION STANDARDS.

##### 305. PERMIT APPROVAL; NON-CONFORMING FACILITIES.

##### 306. APPLICABILITY.

S 300. DEFINITIONS. THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

1. "ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT" MEANS ALL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE SECURE AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF A WIRELESS FACILITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUPPORT STRUCTURES, TRANSMITTING, RECEIVING AND COMBINING EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT SHELTERS, TRANSMISSION CABLES, AND BACKUP POWER SOURCES. ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS BUT SHALL INCLUDE ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT PLACED ON RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

2. "BUILDING INSPECTOR" MEANS THE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH ISSUING BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR ENFORCING THE ZONING LAW OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES.

3. "HISTORIC AREA" MEANS AN AREA WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN, OR WIRELESS FACILITY HAVING ITS FOUNDATION WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF, ANY HISTORIC BUILDING, STRUCTURE, FACILITY, SITE OR DISTRICT, THAT IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, OR THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER FOR NOMINATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER, THAT IS LISTED ON THE STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, OR HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A HISTORIC PLACE OR LANDMARK BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

4. "MUNICIPAL BOARD" OR "BOARD" MEANS THE MUNICIPAL BOARD AUTHORIZED TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES. IN THE EVENT A MUNICIPALITY HAS NOT DESIGNATED A BOARD, REFERENCES IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE MUNICIPAL BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED TO REFER TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY.

5. "MUNICIPAL ZONING LAW" MEANS A MUNICIPALITY'S ZONING LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE.

6. "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS ANY CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE.

7. "PERMIT" MEANS THE AUTHORIZATION BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS FACILITY.

8. "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, JOINT VENTURE, PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION.

1 9. "SCENIC AREA" MEANS AN AREA WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN, OR A WIRE-  
2 LESS FACILITY HAVING ITS FOUNDATION WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF, ANY  
3 PUBLICLY OWNED OR OPERATED PARKLAND, RECREATION AREA OR DESIGNATED OPEN  
4 SPACE, INCLUDING ANY WIRELESS FACILITY HAVING ITS FOUNDATION WITHIN ONE  
5 THOUSAND FEET OF THE CENTERLINE OF ANY SCENIC BYWAY AS DEFINED IN ARTI-  
6 CLE TWELVE-C OF THE HIGHWAY LAW OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

7 10. "TECHNICAL REVIEW" MEANS REVIEW OF A PERMIT APPLICATION BY AN  
8 INDEPENDENT EXPERT IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITING.

9 11. "TECHNICALLY AND COMMERCIALY REASONABLE" MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
10 GENERAL INDUSTRY PRACTICE IN THE PROVISION OF WIRELESS SERVICES PERTAIN-  
11 ING TO COST AND SERVICE COVERAGE.

12 12. "TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER" MEANS ANY FREESTANDING TOWER, MONOPOLE  
13 OR SIMILAR STRUCTURE USED FOR THE PROVISION OF WIRELESS SERVICES INCLUD-  
14 ING ANCILLARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO INTEGRATE SUCH  
15 FACILITY INTO AN EXISTING OR PROPOSED WIRELESS NETWORK.

16 13. "WIRELESS FACILITY" MEANS ONLY THE PART OR PARTS OF ANY FACILITY  
17 USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF WIRELESS SERVICES INCLUDING,  
18 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANTENNAS, ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
19 TOWERS.

20 14. "WIRELESS SERVICES" MEANS ALL COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICES, AS THAT  
21 TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 332(D) OF TITLE 47, UNITED STATES CODE, AS  
22 AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL BROADBAND  
23 PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, WIRELESS RADIO TELEPHONE SERVICES,  
24 GEOGRAPHIC AREA SPECIALIZED AND ENHANCED SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO  
25 SERVICES, AND INCUMBENT-WIDE AREA SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO LICENSEES,  
26 WHICH OFFER REAL TIME, TWO-WAY VOICE OR DATA SERVICE THAT IS INTERCON-  
27 NECTED WITH THE PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK OR OTHERWISE PROVIDES  
28 ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

29 S 301. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. NO PERSON SHALL COMMENCE THE CONSTRUCTION  
30 OR MODIFICATION OF A WIRELESS FACILITY WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A MUNIC-  
31 IPAL PERMIT.

32 S 302. MINIMUM STATE-WIDE PROCEDURE FOR MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF PERMIT  
33 REQUESTS. 1. (A) UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR PERMIS-  
34 SION TO CONSTRUCT, PLACE OR MODIFY A WIRELESS FACILITY, THE MUNICIPAL  
35 BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF SUCH APPLICA-  
36 TION. A WRITTEN DECISION SHALL BE RENDERED WITHIN SIXTY-TWO DAYS OF SUCH  
37 PUBLIC HEARING. THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE MUNICIPAL BOARD MUST RENDER  
38 ITS WRITTEN DECISION MAY BE EXTENDED BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE APPLICANT  
39 AND THE BOARD.

40 (B) EACH APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND  
41 RESIDENTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF THE PROPOSED  
42 WIRELESS FACILITY WITHIN TEN DAYS OF FILING AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO  
43 PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AND AGAIN NOT MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS  
44 BEFORE ANY SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING.

45 2. (A) AN APPLICATION FEE MAY BE IMPOSED BY A MUNICIPALITY UPON AN  
46 APPLICANT FOR THE PLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION OF A WIRELESS  
47 FACILITY THAT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE NORMAL AND CUSTOMARY FEE FOR A BUILD-  
48 ING PERMIT APPLICATION IN SUCH MUNICIPALITY FOR PROJECTS OF SUCH SCOPE  
49 AND NATURE.

50 (B) UPON REQUEST OF THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT MAY BE REQUIRED TO ESTAB-  
51 LISH AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ACTUAL, REASONABLE AND  
52 CUSTOMARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY FOR AN INDEPENDENT TECHNI-  
53 CAL REVIEW OF EACH ASPECT OF THE APPLICATION.

54 S 303. STANDARDS FOR REVIEW AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A WIRE-  
55 LESS FACILITY. 1. PERMIT APPROVAL MAY BE GRANTED IF THE APPLICANT

1 DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR THE REVIEW,  
2 PAYS ALL APPLICABLE FEES AND COSTS, AND SUBMITS THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

3 2. (A) THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, INFORMATION, WHICH  
4 SHALL INCLUDE A MAP, THAT IDENTIFIES THE LOCATION OF ALL EXISTING WIRE-  
5 LESS FACILITIES TOGETHER WITH ALL FACILITIES FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION  
6 HAS BEEN FILED WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF WHERE SUCH FACILITIES ARE TO BE  
7 LOCATED. ON SUCH MAP THE FACILITIES IDENTIFIED MUST NOTE THE OWNER AND  
8 OPERATOR OF SUCH FACILITIES.

9 (B) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT ESTABLISHES THAT  
10 THERE IS A SPECIFIC NEED FOR THE PROPOSED WIRELESS FACILITY INCLUDING,  
11 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EVIDENCE THAT THE EXISTING WIRELESS FACILITIES DO  
12 NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE COVERAGE AND DO NOT HAVE THE VIABILITY TO PROVIDE  
13 ADEQUATE COVERAGE BY ADJUSTING THE FACILITIES AT EXISTING SITES.

14 (C) THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL  
15 INCLUDE DATA ON THE EFFECTS UPON THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE RADIO WAVES  
16 EMITTED BY THE PROPOSED WIRELESS FACILITY.

17 3. THE APPLICATION SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT OPERATION OF THE WIRELESS  
18 FACILITY COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL COMMU-  
19 NICATIONS COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF HEALTH, INCLUDING REGULATIONS REGARDING RADIO-FREQUENCY EMISSIONS.  
21 IF NEW, MORE RESTRICTIVE STANDARDS ARE ADOPTED BY SUCH AGENCIES, THE  
22 FACILITY SHALL, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH SUCH STANDARDS, BE BROUGHT  
23 INTO COMPLIANCE, OR CONTINUED OPERATIONS MAY BE RESTRICTED BY THE MUNI-  
24 CIPALITY.

25 4. THE WIRELESS FACILITY SHALL BE DESIGNED AND FINISHED IN A MANNER  
26 WHICH MINIMIZES THE VISUAL IMPACT ON SURROUNDING PROPERTIES IN ACCORD-  
27 ANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRACTICES, WHILE PROVIDING THE LEVEL OF  
28 SERVICE REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT. MINIMIZATION OF VISUAL IMPACT IN AN  
29 HISTORIC OR SCENIC AREA SHALL INCLUDE REASONABLE EFFORTS THAT TAKE INTO  
30 ACCOUNT THE TOPOGRAPHY AND SURROUNDINGS OF THE WIRELESS FACILITY.

31 5. NO TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN ONE THOUSAND  
32 FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF ANY ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

33 6. THE WIRELESS FACILITY SHALL BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, MAINTAINED  
34 AND OPERATED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES THE SECURITY OF THE FACILITY AND  
35 PROTECTS AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS.

36 7. WIRELESS FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE ILLUMINATED BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS  
37 AND SHALL NOT DISPLAY OBSTRUCTION MARKING AND/OR LIGHTING UNLESS SUCH  
38 MARKING AND/OR LIGHTING IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION  
39 ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AUTHORITY FOR A PARTICULAR  
40 WIRELESS FACILITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WHEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN,  
41 LIGHT FIXTURES USED TO ILLUMINATE BALL FIELDS, PARKING LOTS, OR OTHER  
42 GROUND AREAS OR GROUND STRUCTURES MAY BE ATTACHED TO WIRELESS FACILI-  
43 TIES.

44 8. THE APPLICANT SHALL PRESERVE EXISTING ON-SITE VEGETATION TO THE  
45 MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE. THE BASE OF THE FACILITY AND ANY ACCESSORY  
46 STRUCTURES SHALL BE LANDSCAPED.

47 9. (A) ANY CONTRACT WITH AN OWNER OF PROPERTY UPON WHICH A WIRELESS  
48 FACILITY IS TO BE PLACED, CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED SHALL INCLUDE A  
49 PROVISION REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE WIRELESS FACILITY TO REMOVE SUCH  
50 FACILITY IN THE EVENT THE FACILITY HAS NOT BEEN IN USE FOR A PERIOD OF  
51 AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS. THE TERMS OF SUCH PROVISION SHALL BE FILED WITH  
52 THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE PROPOSED WIRELESS FACILITY IS TO BE  
53 LOCATED. THE PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED UPON A FINDING THAT THE REQUIRED  
54 CONTRACT LANGUAGE HAS BEEN REMOVED.

55 (B) THE MUNICIPALITY MAY REQUIRE THAT, IN THE EVENT THE WIRELESS  
56 FACILITY IS NOT USED BY THE APPLICANT, OTHER CO-LOCATORS, THEIR SUCCES-

1 SORS AND/OR ASSIGNS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR OR MORE, SUCH FACILITY  
2 SHALL BE REMOVED BY ITS THEN-CURRENT OWNER. IN THE EVENT THE WIRELESS  
3 FACILITY IS NOT SO REMOVED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE  
4 TO THE OWNER OF SUCH FACILITY (I) STATING THAT THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS  
5 CONSIDERED ABANDONED, AND (II) SETTING A TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A  
6 PUBLIC HEARING. SUCH PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE ON NOT LESS THAN THIRTY  
7 DAYS NOTICE TO SUCH OWNER. UPON A FINDING THAT THE WIRELESS FACILITY  
8 HAS BEEN ABANDONED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL DELIVER WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE  
9 APPLICANT INDICATING THE REASONS FOR ITS FINDING, AND DIRECTING THAT THE  
10 WIRELESS FACILITY BE REMOVED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS, WEATHER  
11 PERMITTING. IN THE EVENT THAT THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS NOT SO REMOVED,  
12 THE MUNICIPALITY MAY COMMENCE AN ACTION IN SUPREME COURT AGAINST THE  
13 OWNER OF SUCH FACILITY SEEKING AN ORDER REQUIRING THE REMOVAL. THE  
14 PREVAILING PARTY IN SUCH ENFORCEMENT ACTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER  
15 FROM THE OTHER REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

16 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS  
17 SUBDIVISION, A MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO REQUIRE THE POSTING  
18 OF A BOND OR OTHER SECURITY IN ORDER TO FINANCE DISMANTLING OF AN ABAN-  
19 DONED WIRELESS FACILITY.

20 S 304. CO-LOCATION STANDARDS. 1. WHERE AN APPLICATION PROPOSES  
21 CONSTRUCTION OF A WIRELESS FACILITY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT ONLY ONE PROVID-  
22 ER, THE APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE THAT CO-LOCATING WITH ANOTHER WIRE-  
23 LESS FACILITY INSTEAD OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED WIRELESS FACILITY  
24 IS NOT TECHNICALLY AND COMMERCIALY REASONABLE.

25 2. THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE THE APPLICANT FOR A WIRELESS FACILITY TO MAKE  
26 A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO CO-LOCATE WITH ANOTHER WIRELESS FACILITY THAT  
27 CAN ADEQUATELY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE APPLICANT.

28 3. IF THE BOARD REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO ATTEMPT TO CO-LOCATE A WIRE-  
29 LESS FACILITY WITH AN EXISTING WIRELESS FACILITY, THE APPLICANT SHALL  
30 PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS  
31 EITHER:

32 (A) AGREED TO CO-LOCATE THE WIRELESS FACILITY WITH AN EXISTING WIRE-  
33 LESS FACILITY, AND WHICH STATEMENT IDENTIFIES THE LOCATION OF THE FACIL-  
34 ITY ON WHICH THE APPLICANT WILL BE CO-LOCATED; OR

35 (B) ATTEMPTED TO CO-LOCATE THE WIRELESS FACILITY WITH AN EXISTING  
36 WIRELESS FACILITY; SUCH STATEMENT SHOULD IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF THE  
37 FACILITIES WHICH THE APPLICANT ATTEMPTED TO CO-LOCATE ON WIRELESS FACIL-  
38 ITIES WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS REVIEWED, AND LIST THE REASONS WHY EACH  
39 SUCH ATTEMPT TO CO-LOCATE A WIRELESS FACILITY WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

40 4. THE BOARD MAY DENY AN APPLICATION IF IT DETERMINES THAT SUCH APPLI-  
41 CANT CAN CO-LOCATE ITS PROPOSED FACILITY AT ANOTHER SITE.

42 S 305. PERMIT APPROVAL; NON-CONFORMING FACILITIES. 1. UPON FINDING  
43 THAT A PROPOSED WIRELESS FACILITY COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
44 SECTIONS THREE HUNDRED THREE AND THREE HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
45 BOARD SHALL ISSUE A PERMIT. APPEALS FROM BOARD ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THE  
46 PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLE SEVENTY-EIGHT OF  
47 THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES.

48 2. WHERE THE WIRELESS FACILITY DOES NOT MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS  
49 OUTLINED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE MUNICIPAL BOARD SHALL NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT  
50 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

51 S 306. APPLICABILITY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL GOVERN THE  
52 PLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION OF ALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN A  
53 MUNICIPALITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE  
54 DEEMED TO PROHIBIT ANY MUNICIPALITY FROM ENACTING AND IMPLEMENTING A  
55 LOCAL LAW WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THIS

1 ARTICLE, AND IMPOSES STRICTER OR MORE RESTRICTIVE STANDARDS ON THE  
2 SITING OF WIRELESS FACILITIES THAN THOSE ENACTED IN THIS ARTICLE.

3 S 4. The department of health shall study, evaluate and make recommen-  
4 dations concerning the potential adverse health effects to the general  
5 public due to exposure to the radio frequency signals and microwave  
6 energy emitted by wireless facilities, as defined in section 300 of the  
7 general municipal law, as added by section three of this act. Such  
8 department shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations  
9 thereon, with special focus on the incidence of cancer, to the governor  
10 and the legislature on or before the three hundred sixty-fifth day after  
11 this act shall have become a law, and shall submit with its report such  
12 legislative proposals as it deems necessary to implement its recommenda-  
13 tions.

14 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section  
15 three of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
16 after it shall have become a law and shall apply to all applications for  
17 building permits for wireless facilities submitted on or after the  
18 effective date of such section.