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Introduced by M. of A. CAMARA -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to creating  
community advisory councils for special needs housing

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

1     Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new arti-  
2     cle 12-I to read as follows:

3                                                             ARTICLE 12-I

4                     SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS

5     SECTION 239-GG. SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS.

6     S 239-GG. SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS. 1. FOR  
7     PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

8     (A) "SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL" OR "COMMUNITY  
9     ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS A GROUP OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE AND NOT MORE THAN  
10    TWENTY PERSONS, ESTABLISHED BY A COVERED FACILITY TO DISCUSS ISSUES  
11    AFFECTING THE FACILITY AND ADVISE THE COVERED FACILITY ON HOW BEST TO  
12    FACILITATE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE  
13    COVERED FACILITY AND ITS RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

14    (B) "COVERED AUTHORITY" MEANS THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
15    WHERE APPLICABLE, OR THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

16    (C) "COVERED FACILITY" MEANS (I) A RESIDENCE OPERATED BY OR ON BEHALF  
17    OF THE LOCAL HOMELESS ACTION SERVICES; OR (II) AN EMERGENCY RESIDENCE  
18    OPERATED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY OR HUMAN  
19    RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS AVAILABLE PRIMARILY FOR HOMELESS  
20    PERSONS WITH HIV OR AIDS-RELATED ILLNESSES.

21    2. EACH COVERED AUTHORITY SHALL REQUIRE ALL COVERED FACILITIES TO  
22    ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUN-  
23    CIL.

24    3. IN ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, A COVERED FACILITY  
25    WILL INVITE LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, MEMBERS OF

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

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1 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, REPRESENTATIVES OF FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY ORGAN-  
2 IZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S SUPERVI-  
3 SORY BOARDS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, COVERED  
4 FACILITY RESIDENTS AND OTHER CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO  
5 PARTICIPATE.

6 4. AT A MINIMUM, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
7 THIS ARTICLE WILL MEET ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

8 5. WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, EVERY  
9 COVERED FACILITY IN OPERATION SHALL SUBMIT A CERTIFICATION TO THE APPRO-  
10 PRIATE COVERED AUTHORITY INDICATING THAT IT WILL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN  
11 A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE. WITHIN FORTY-  
12 FIVE DAYS OF COMMENCING ITS ACTIVITIES ANY COVERED FACILITY THAT  
13 COMMENCES OPERATION AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL  
14 SUBMIT A CERTIFICATION TO THE APPROPRIATE COVERED AGENCY INDICATING THAT  
15 IT WILL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED  
16 BY THIS ARTICLE.

17 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
18 it shall have become a law.