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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, FITZPATRICK, ALFANO, BALL, BARCLAY, BARRA, BOYLE, BURLING, CALHOUN, CORWIN, CROUCH, DUPREY, ERRIGO, FINCH, HAYES, JORDAN, P. LOPEZ, McDONOUGH, MILLER, OAKS, O'MARA, QUINN, RAIA, REILICH, SALADINO, SCOZZAFAVA, TOBACCO, TOWNSEND -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BACALLES, BUTLER, GIGLIO, HAWLEY, McKEVITT, MOLINARO, RABBITT, SAYWARD, TEDISCO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to establish a moratorium on disbursement of state monies to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now or to any organization related thereto; and providing for the repeal of such provision upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares that in light of recent events and allegations surrounding the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), it is necessary to suspend all funding sources provided by the state to ACORN and conduct a full investigation into the operations and actions of the organization, and all of its affiliates and their employees.

S 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, there is hereby established a moratorium on all monies appropriated by the laws of 2009 made available to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any state chapter of ACORN as registered with the secretary of state, any organization that shares directors, employees or independent contractors with ACORN, any organization that has a financial stake in ACORN, any organization whose finances, whether federally funded, donor funded or raised through organizational goods and services, are shared or controlled by ACORN, or employees of ACORN.

The purpose of such moratorium shall be to afford the state comptroller and the attorney general sufficient time to conduct thorough

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

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investigations of ACORN and report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the following committees: the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, the senate committee on elections, the assembly committee on election law, the senate committee on housing, construction and community development, the assembly committee on housing, the senate committee on social services, and the assembly committee on social services, no later than April 1, 2010. The report shall include, but not be limited to: the status of any investigation into violations of any state and federal law by ACORN, or any state chapter of ACORN, or any organization affiliated with ACORN; an accounting of all funds raised within the state of New York by ACORN, its state chapters or affiliates, state funding appropriated over the last five years to ACORN, or any state chapter of ACORN, or any organization affiliated with ACORN; recommendations on legal actions to be taken by the state and whether ACORN should be deemed a qualified and responsible contractor for the state; and any information that the state comptroller and attorney general may deem necessary.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2010.