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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, the New York state urban development corporation act, the executive law and the state administrative procedure act, in relation to assisting small businesses in this state

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 of section 134 of the economic
2 development law, subdivision 7 as added by chapter 547 of the laws of
3 1976, subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 840 of the laws of 1980,
4 subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 1993 and subdivi-
5 sion 10 as added by chapter 543 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read
6 as follows:
7 7. review pending legislation affecting small-businesses and report
8 its findings to the commissioner; [and]
9 8. initiate and encourage small-business education programs in general
10 and to coordinate with the functions of the office of general services,
11 pursuant to subdivision (b) of THE FORMER section one hundred
12 sixty-one-b of the state finance law, an information and outreach
13 program directed toward informing small-businesses in the state of
14 procedures necessary for competing for state purchases and to coordinate
15 with the functions of every state agency, department or authority
16 described in section one hundred thirty-nine-g of the state finance law,
17 pursuant to subdivision (b) of section one hundred thirty-nine-g of the
18 state finance law, an information and outreach program directed toward
19 informing small-businesses in the state of procedures necessary for
20 competing for state contracts[.];
21 9. ADVISE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER ON MATTERS
22 AFFECTING MICRO-ENTERPRISES CONSISTING OF FEWER THAN FIVE EMPLOYEES;

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

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1 10. the commissioner and the commissioners of agriculture and markets
2 and the office of general services shall initiate and encourage small-
3 business education programs and coordinate with the functions of the
4 office of general services, pursuant to subdivision (b) of THE FORMER
5 section one hundred sixty-one-b of the state finance law, an information
6 and outreach program directed toward informing eligible businesses in
7 the state of procedures necessary for competing for purchases of food
8 products pursuant to THE FORMER section one hundred seventy-four-a of
9 the state finance law and subdivision eight-a of section one hundred
10 three of the general municipal law, and to coordinate with the functions
11 of every state agency or department described in subdivision (b) of
12 section one hundred thirty-nine-g of the state finance law, an informa-
13 tion and outreach program directed toward informing eligible businesses
14 in the state of procedures necessary for competing for contracts for the
15 purchase of food products pursuant to THE FORMER section one hundred
16 seventy-four-a of the state finance law and subdivision eight-a of
17 section one hundred three of the general municipal law[.]; AND

18 [10.] 11. conduct a survey of all business incubators in the state and
19 assess the need for additional incubator facilities to nurture the
20 growth and development of small businesses.

21 S 2. Section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968 constituting the New
22 York state urban development corporation act is amended by adding a new
23 section 16-t to read as follows:

24 S 16-T. MAIN STREET CENTER GRANT PROGRAM. 1. THE CORPORATION SHALL
25 ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO CREATE MAIN STREET CENTERS IN EACH OF
26 THE COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FIVE BOROUGHES
27 OF NEW YORK CITY.

28 2. EACH COUNTY MAIN STREET CENTER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A
29 MATCHING GRANT OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARD THE CREATION
30 OF THE COUNTY CENTER IF THE COUNTY DESIGNATES THE EQUIVALENT OF A FULL-
31 TIME EMPLOYEE TO THE MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. THE GRANTS MAY BE
32 USED FOR FACADE RENOVATION AND INTERIOR REHABILITATION.

33 3. EACH CENTER SHALL HOUSE COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY OF MAIN STREET PUBLI-
34 CATIONS AVAILABLE TO BE LOANED.

35 4. EACH CENTER SHALL DEVELOP A CENTRAL DATABASE OF ALL STATE AND
36 FEDERAL GRANT RESOURCES. THE CORPORATION SHALL ASSIST LOCALITIES IN
37 IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FUNDING AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSIST-
38 ANCE REGARDING GRANT PROCUREMENT.

39 5. EACH CENTER SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES TO ASSIST LOCALITIES IN ENSUR-
40 ING THAT FACADE RENOVATIONS ARE DONE IN A MANNER THAT RESPECTS THE
41 ARCHITECTURE OF THE BUILDING TO BE RENOVATED AND HELPS TO ENHANCE THE
42 HISTORIC INTEGRITY OF THE MAIN STREET DISTRICT.

43 S 3. The executive law is amended by adding two new sections 102-a and
44 149-a to read as follows:

45 S 102-A. RULE-MAKING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. 1.
46 ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, ALL RULE-MAKING DOCUMENTS
47 SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT. THE
48 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAKE SUCH DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE WITHOUT CHARGE TO
49 THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY, AND SHALL DISSEMINATE SUCH DOCUMENTS WITHOUT
50 CHARGE TO INTERESTED PARTIES BY VARIOUS MEANS, INCLUDING AT A MINIMUM
51 THROUGH ONE OR MORE ELECTRONIC MAILING LISTS, RSS FEEDS, AND ANY OTHER
52 TECHNOLOGIES DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROVIDING
53 TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO RULE-MAKING INFORMATION. AT LEAST ONE
54 SUCH MEANS SHALL UTILIZE A RULES TRACKER PROGRAM OR SIMILAR PROGRAM THAT
55 ENABLES A USER TO CUSTOMIZE THE RULE-MAKING INFORMATION THAT WILL BE
56 PROVIDED.

1 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "RSS" OR RICH SITE
2 SUMMARY SHALL MEAN A FORMAT FOR DELIVERING REGULARLY CHANGING WEB
3 CONTENT.

4 S 149-A. ONLINE PUBLICATION OF STATE REGISTER. 1. THE SECRETARY OF
5 STATE SHALL PUBLISH AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE STATE REGISTER ON ITS
6 WEBSITE AND SHALL MAKE IT AVAILABLE WITHOUT CHARGE ONLINE.

7 2. THE INTERNET HOME PAGE OF EVERY STATE AGENCY THAT ADOPTS RULES AND
8 REGULATIONS OR PUBLISHES NOTICES IN THE STATE REGISTER SHALL MAINTAIN A
9 LINK TO THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE STATE REGISTER.

10 S 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6-a of section 202 of the state
11 administrative procedure act, as amended by chapter 171 of the laws of
12 1994, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) An agency shall transmit a copy of any rule making notice prepared
14 pursuant to this article to the governor, the temporary president of the
15 senate, the speaker of the assembly, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE,
16 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY, the administrative regulations
17 review commission and the office of regulatory and management assistance
18 at the time such notice is submitted to the secretary of state for
19 publication in the state register. Such transmittal shall include the
20 complete rule text, regulatory impact statement, regulatory flexibility
21 analysis, rural area flexibility analysis, or revisions thereof, and any
22 other information submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to this
23 article.

24 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.