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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a wood products development council

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

1 Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 44 to read as follows:

3 44. ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY AND MANUFACTURE OF
4 WOOD PRODUCTS IN THE STATE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF
5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDE FOR THE
6 OPERATION OF THE WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AS ESTABLISHED IN
7 SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER.

8 S 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new arti-
9 cle 18 to read as follows:

10 ARTICLE 18

11 WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT

12 SECTION 225. WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

13 S 225. WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTAB-
14 LISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT A WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. SUCH
15 COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE COMMISSIONERS OF ENVIRON-
16 MENTAL CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, AND
17 TEN OTHER PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER
18 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; ONE
19 MEMBER ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY; ONE MEMBER
20 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND ONE
21 MEMBER ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. OF
22 THE MEMBERS SO APPOINTED, AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A SAWMILL OWNER,
23 ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A SECONDARY WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER, ONE MEMBER
24 SHALL BE A LOGGER, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCER, ONE
25 MEMBER SHALL BE A COMMERCIAL FOREST OWNER, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A NONIN-

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

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1 DUSTRIAL FOREST OWNER, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE-
2 WIDE FOREST INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION, AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS SHALL BE
3 APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS AND MAY SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS
4 ARE CHOSEN, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED,
5 THREE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THREE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM
6 OF TWO YEARS, AND FOUR SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON. COUNCIL
7 MEMBERS SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT MAY
8 BE PAID THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVING UPON THE
9 COUNCIL.

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12 2. THE COUNCIL SHALL WORK WITH WOOD-USING MANUFACTURERS TO INCREASE
13 THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO THE
14 PRACTICE OF FORESTRY AND MANUFACTURE OF WOOD PRODUCTS IN NEW YORK STATE.
15 THE COUNCIL SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO INCREASING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN
16 WORKING FORESTS; MAINTAINING ACCESS TO WORKING AND FAMILY FORESTS; COORDINATING POLICY AND PERMITTING ISSUES WITH STATE AGENCIES, ACADEMIA AND
17 THE PRIVATE SECTOR; WORKING TO IMPROVE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF AND
18 APPRECIATION FOR FORESTRY AND FOREST PRODUCTS; AND INCREASING EXPORT AND
19 MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK FOREST PRODUCTS.

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21 3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE
22 COUNCIL, INCLUDING, WITHIN FUNDS AVAILABLE, THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

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24 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.