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Introduced by Sen. STEWART-COUSINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to developing a geographic information system to allow cities, towns and villages to calculate future development and its impacts

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that the cities, towns and villages of the state are empowered through zoning and planning enabling authorization to manage land use in their respective jurisdictions. Land use decisions have significant local, regional and statewide fiscal, environmental and social significance. The legislature further finds that zoning and planning jurisdictions should have access to the most advanced technology, tools and data to foster intelligent decision making.

The legislature further finds that technology through geographic information systems, digital orthophotos and other software tools exist to allow local officials and the public to visualize how their community has changed over the years and how it is likely to change in the future. Computer models can assist in developing growth policy for the whole community or for individual policy decisions.

It is the intent of the legislature by this act to advance the state's current policies of using technology to help government to serve the people and of fostering quality communities through informed local planning.

S 2. Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12-c to read as follows:

12-C. TO DEVELOP, ACQUIRE OR CAUSE TO BE DEVELOPED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM AND MAPPING METHODOLOGY THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO ALL CITIES,

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

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TOWNS AND VILLAGES TO CALCULATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL (BUILD-OUT ANALYSIS) UNDER EXISTING ZONING, PLANNING AND OTHER LAND USE LAWS. SUCH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO CALCULATION OF THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL FLOOR AREA UNDER EXISTING ZONING AND ESTIMATES OF IMPACTS FROM ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING OVERALL ESTIMATED COST TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, GALLONS OF WATER USED, SEWAGE AND SOLID WASTE GENERATED, NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS, IMPACTS ON FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE AND MILES OF NEW ROAD NEEDED TO BE BUILT.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.