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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to direct the secretary of state to establish a task force to study the standardization of state and local building codes and permit processes for the purpose of facilitating the installation of solar and wind energy generating systems, and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. The secretary of state shall establish a task force to
2 examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the standardi-
3 zation of the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code,
4 and local building codes and permit processes for the purpose of facili-
5 tating and encouraging the installation and operation of solar and wind
6 energy generating systems throughout the state and within the various
7 municipalities of the state.
- 8 S 2. (a) The task force shall consist of thirteen members. The members
9 of the task force shall be as follows:
- 10 (1) the state fire administrator;
- 11 (2) the executive director of the office of real property services;
- 12 (3) the chair of the New York state energy research and development
13 authority;
- 14 (4) four members appointed by the secretary of state;
- 15 (5) three members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
16 and
- 17 (6) three members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
- 18 (b) The secretary of state shall designate a chair from among the
19 members of the task force.

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

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1 (c) Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in
2 the manner provided for original appointments.

3 S 3. The task force shall hold public hearings and shall have all the
4 powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

5 S 4. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
6 their services.

7 S 5. To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled
8 to request, receive and use such facilities, resources and data of any
9 department, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or any
10 political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly
11 carry out its powers and duties pursuant to this act.

12 S 6. The task force shall submit a report, on or before December 31,
13 2010, to the governor, the secretary of state and the legislature of its
14 findings, conclusions and recommendations and shall submit therewith
15 such legislative proposals as it deems necessary to implement its recom-
16 mendations.

17 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be
18 deemed repealed January 1, 2011.