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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a senior housing task force

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

1 Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 203-a to
2 read as follows:
3 S 203-A. SENIOR HOUSING TASK FORCE. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED
4 WITHIN THE OFFICE A SENIOR HOUSING TASK FORCE WHICH SHALL MEET AT LEAST
5 FOUR TIMES IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF THE STATE. THE TASK FORCE
6 SHALL CONSIST OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS AND SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
7 FROM THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCIES: THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, THE DIVI-
8 SION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE
9 OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE
10 EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVEL-
11 OPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE DIVISION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS OF
12 THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND THE NEW YORK CITY
13 DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING. OF THE EIGHT REMAINING MEMBERS, THREE SHALL BE
14 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE
15 ASSEMBLY, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION
16 OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
17 GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY
18 AND ONE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
19 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, AND SHALL BROADLY REPRESENT HOUSING AND

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

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1 SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS FROM ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE INCLUDING
2 SERVICE PROVIDERS, ASSOCIATIONS, ADVOCATES, PROPRIETORS, AND CONSUMERS
3 OF FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS INCLUDING BUT
4 NOT LIMITED TO: ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, ADULT HOMES, SKILLED NURSING
5 FACILITIES, INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIRE-
6 MENT COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNI-
7 TIES, AND CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES. MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE
8 NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL
9 AND OTHER EXPENSES ACTUALLY AND NECESSARILY INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE
10 OF THEIR DUTIES. THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE CO-CHAIRLED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
11 THE OFFICE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
12 RENEWAL. THE TASK FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING A STATE-WIDE
13 ASSESSMENT OF SENIOR HOUSING NEEDS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VARIOUS
14 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS AND DIFFERENT NEEDS OF THE SENIORS IN THOSE AREAS AND
15 RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THOSE DIFFERENT AREAS AND PROJECT THOSE NEEDS
16 OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS; OTHER FACTORS WHICH SHALL BE TAKEN INTO CONSID-
17 ERATION ARE: HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF SENIORS, THE LONG TERM CARE NEEDS OF
18 SENIORS, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SENIORS, OR NEEDED BY SENIORS,
19 AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF SENIORS. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE A
20 REVIEW OF INNOVATIVE APPROACHES SUCCESSFULLY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER
21 STATES AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THIS STATE. SUCH
22 ASSESSMENT SHALL ALSO DEVELOP A VIABLE PLAN FOR PROVIDING QUALITY SENIOR
23 HOUSING TO MEET THE PROJECTED NEEDS OF SENIORS WITH ACTIONS, STEPS AND
24 TIME FRAMES.

25 2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A REPORT BY JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND
26 THIRTEEN OUTLINING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE STATE
27 PLAN WITH TIME FRAMES. THE REPORT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR,
28 THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE
29 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AGING, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEES IN THE ASSEM-
30 BLY, AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AGING, HEALTH AND HOUSING,
31 CONSTRUCTION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE.

32 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
33 have become a law.