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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the prepara-  
tion and distribution of a model comprehensive outdoor lighting ordi-  
nance

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

1     Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 137 to read as follows:  
3     S 137. MODEL COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE. THE SECRETARY  
4     OF STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND  
5     DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE  
6     COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, SHALL PREPARE OR CAUSE TO BE PREPARED  
7     AND DISTRIBUTED TO CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES A MODEL COMPREHENSIVE  
8     OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING ENERGY, REDUCING  
9     UNNECESSARY GLARE AND REDUCING UNNECESSARY SKY GLOW. FOR PURPOSES OF  
10    THIS SECTION, THE TERM "GLARE" SHALL MEAN LIGHT EMITTED BY A LUMINAIRE  
11    THAT CAUSES REDUCED VISIBILITY OR MOMENTARY BLINDNESS BY SHINING DIRECT-  
12    LY INTO THE EYES OF THE VIEWER; AND THE TERM "SKY GLOW" SHALL MEAN THE  
13    ILLUMINATION OF THE NIGHTTIME SKY THAT RESULTS FROM UPWARD SHINING  
14    LIGHT, WHICH IS REFLECTED OFF MOLECULES AND PARTICLES OF DIRT AND MOIS-  
15    TURE IN THE ATMOSPHERE.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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