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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the preparation and distribution of a model comprehensive outdoor lighting ordinance

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 137 to read as follows:

S 137. MODEL COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, SHALL PREPARE OR CAUSE TO BE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES A MODEL COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING ENERGY, REDUCING UNNECESSARY GLARE AND REDUCING UNNECESSARY SKY GLOW. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "GLARE" SHALL MEAN LIGHT EMITTED BY A LUMINAIRE THAT CAUSES REDUCED VISIBILITY OR MOMENTARY BLINDNESS BY SHINING DIRECTLY INTO THE EYES OF THE VIEWER; AND THE TERM "SKY GLOW" SHALL MEAN THE ILLUMINATION OF THE NIGHTTIME SKY THAT RESULTS FROM UPWARD SHINING LIGHT, WHICH IS REFLECTED OFF MOLECULES AND PARTICLES OF DIRT AND MOISTURE IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

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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