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Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO, SCHIMMINGER, MORELLE, MAGNARELLI, GABRYSZAK, PEOPLES-STOKES, McENENY, CAHILL, ENGLEBRIGHT, RYAN, MURRAY, JAFFEE, FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, MAGEE, TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT creating a task force on accelerating innovation in New York; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. There is hereby created the task force on accelerating innovation in New York. The task force shall consist of twelve ex-officio members. The director of state operations shall serve ex-officio and chair the task force. The commissioner of agriculture and markets, the commissioner of economic development, the director of the division of science, technology and innovation in the department of economic development, the commissioner of education, the president of the New York State energy research and development authority, the chancellor of the state university and the chancellor of the city university, or their designees, shall also serve as ex-officio members. The president pro tem of the senate shall designate two senators to serve on the task force. The speaker of the assembly shall designate two members of the assembly to serve on the task force.

S 2. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

S 3. The purpose of the task force shall be to accelerate the innovation economy in New York by connecting research, talent, capital, ideas and professional services.

S 4. The task force shall have the power and duty to:

(a) promote the role and importance of innovation in economic development in the state;

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

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(b) establish an internet-based portal that allows access, to the extent practicable, to public and private programs, organizations and other resources that support innovation in the state;

(c) partner with academic, business and governments to improve support for innovation and align public and private resources;

(d) recommend policies to attract innovation-driven enterprises and individuals to the state in order to expand existing industry clusters and develop new ones;

(e) recommend policies to cultivate and retain entrepreneurs, innovative researchers, and other innovation-oriented enterprises;

(f) develop in collaboration with regional economic organizations an effective statewide action plan for innovation;

(g) recommend criteria to measure, index, and communicate the state's performance as a global source for innovation; and

(h) complete its work and issue its recommendations to the governor and the legislature within ninety days.

S 5. The governor shall provide the task force with such staff assistance and support services as necessary for the task force to perform the functions required of it under this act.

S 6. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire March 31, 2013, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.