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AN ACT to amend the state administrative procedure act, in relation to establishing a task force for the review of the state administrative procedure act

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

1     Section 1. The state administrative procedure act is amended by adding  
2     a new article 6 to read as follows:

3                                   ARTICLE 6

4             TASK FORCE FOR REVIEW OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT  
5     SECTION 601. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

6             602. TASK FORCE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE  
7             PROCEDURE ACT.

8     S 601. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT WAS  
9     FIRST ENACTED IN NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE TO CREATE A UNIFORM,  
10    CONSISTENT PROCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING, ADJUDICATION AND  
11    LICENSING. SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THIS ACT HAS BEEN AMENDED  
12    NUMEROUS TIMES BUT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE  
13    EFFICACY OF THE ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE LEGISLATURE HEREBY FINDS AND  
14    DECLARES THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO HAVE SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE  
15    REVIEW TO ENSURE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING, ADJUDICATION AND  
16    LICENSING IS CONSISTENT, UNIFORM, AND NOT UNNECESSARILY BURDENSOME FOR  
17    REGULATED ENTITIES.

18    S 602. TASK FORCE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE  
19    ACT. 1. THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE

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

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1 STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT ("TASK FORCE"). SUCH TASK FORCE SHALL  
2 EXAMINE, EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EFFICIENCY OF  
3 THE RULEMAKING PROCESS, WHETHER THIS ACT ENSURES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
4 CONSISTENT, UNIFORM RULES AND WHETHER THE STATUTORY PROCESS RESULTS IN  
5 RULES, REGULATIONS AND LICENSES THAT ARE OVERLY BURDENSOME ON REGULATED  
6 ENTITIES.

7 2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED AS  
8 FOLLOWS: THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM  
9 SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE COMMISSIONERS OF AGENCIES WITH SIGNIF-  
10 ICANT REGULATORY OVERSIGHT; TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRES-  
11 IDENT OF THE SENATE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE THE SENATE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION; TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY  
13 THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR-  
14 PERSON OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION; ONE MEMBER  
15 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND ONE MEMBER APPOINTED  
16 BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE  
17 CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE. ALL APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL  
18 HAVE EXPERIENCE IN REGULATORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, OR EXPERIENCE IN A  
19 FIELD REGULATED BY MULTIPLE STATE AGENCIES, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
20 ORGANIZED LABOR IN A REGULATED FIELD.

21 3. THE TASK FORCE SHALL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND  
22 SHALL HAVE THE POWERS OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE LEGIS-  
23 LATIVE LAW. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE SMALL  
24 BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATED ENTITIES AND CITI-  
25 ZENS FROM EVERY REGION OF THE STATE.

26 4. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, THE TASK  
27 FORCE SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY  
28 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE MINORITY LEAD-  
29 ER OF THE SENATE, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE CHAIR-  
30 PERSONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION. THE REPORT  
31 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIFIC  
32 AMENDMENTS TO THIS ACT AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THE  
33 TASK FORCE DEEMS RELEVANT. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL INCORPORATE THE  
34 FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES: (A) AGENCIES SHOULD CONDUCT RISK ASSESSMENTS BASED  
35 ON THE BEST-AVAILABLE DATA AND SCIENCE; (B) AGENCIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT  
36 A FULL COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS IS UNDERTAKEN FOR MAJOR REGULATIONS; (C)  
37 THE RULEMAKING PROCESS MUST INCLUDE AN OBJECTIVE, TRANSPARENT PEER AND  
38 PUBLIC REVIEW; (D) REGULATIONS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE AND  
39 JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW; AND (E) AGENCIES SHOULD PRIORITIZE  
40 COMPLIANCE OVER ENFORCEMENT.

41 5. THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR  
42 THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES  
43 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

44 6. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO  
45 REQUEST AND RECEIVE AND SHALL UTILIZE AND BE PROVIDED WITH SUCH FACILI-  
46 TIES, RESOURCES AND DATA OF ANY COURT, DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, BOARD,  
47 BUREAU, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
48 OR PUBLIC AUTHORITY THEREOF AS IT MAY REASONABLY REQUEST TO CARRY OUT  
49 PROPERLY ITS POWERS AND DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

50 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.