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Introduced by M. of A. GABRYSZAK, GUNTHER, ZEBROWSKI, LUPARDO, TITONE --Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, MAGEE, MARKEY, SWEENEY -- read and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating the Empire State Fishing Trail program

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

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new 2 article 5-F to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5-F

EMPIRE STATE FISHING TRAIL PROGRAM

SECTION 181-F. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

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181-G. DEFINITION.

181-H. GENERAL FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER. INTENT. NEW YORK STATE IS HOME TO MANY WATER 181-F. LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF MILES OF ATLANTIC OCEAN COASTLINE, THOUSANDS OF MILES OF RIVERS AND STREAMS, THOUSANDS OF LAKES AND PONDS, AND MILLIONS OF ACRES OF WETLANDS. THE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES VAST AND UNIOUE RANGING FROM SALT WATER TO FRESH WATER. THE STATE HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING FISHERIES AND HAS RATED NUMBER ONE FOR BASS FISHING IN THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO THE AMER-SPEND MORE THAN 1.1 BILLION SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION, ANGLERS DOLLARS ON FISHING TRIPS, EQUIPMENT AND LICENSES, WHICH SUPPORT EXCESS OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND JOBS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK. FISHING TOURNA-MENTS HAVE RISEN IN POPULARITY AND THIS STATE HAS REGULARLY TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS WHICH BRING WORLDWIDE HOST ATTENTION. AS SUCH, THE STATE HAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO FISHING TOURNAMENTS, ANGLERS, VISITORS AND FISHING RELATED BUSI-MORE

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

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L S 181-G. DEFINITION. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, "FISHING TRAIL" SHALL MEAN A SERIES OF FISHERIES IN THE STATE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER, WHICH MAY BE LINKED BY GEOGRAPHY, QUALITY AND/OR EVENTS.

S 181-H. GENERAL FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR ENTITY, SHALL EXPAND UPON THE EXISTING FISHING PROMOTION PROGRAM BY DEVELOPING A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE STATE'S FISHING OPPORTUNITIES, IMPROVE FISHING FACILITIES, WATER QUALITY AND ATTRACT PROFESSIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENTS AT LOCATIONS ALONG THE TRAIL, AND ENSURE THAT TOP-LEVEL FISHING TOURNAMENTS ARE SECURED AT FISHERIES ALONG THE FISHING TRAIL.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.