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on Small Business

AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act and  
the economic development law, in relation to the creation of micro-bu-  
siness worker cooperatives upon transfer of ownership

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 16-m of section 1 of chapter 174  
2     of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development  
3     corporation act, is amended by adding a new paragraph (o) to read as  
4     follows:  
5     (O) ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FIVE-A OF THE  
6     COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS LAW TO PROVIDE FINANCING IN THE FORM OF LOANS,  
7     LOAN GUARANTEES, AND INTEREST SUBSIDY GRANTS TO SUBSIDIZE LOANS FROM  
8     FEDERALLY CHARTERED INSTRUMENTALITIES AND STATE AND PRIVATE LENDING  
9     INSTITUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF WORKER COOPERATIVES THAT  
10    PROMOTE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING MICRO-BUSINESSES EITHER AS A PART OF A  
11    PREEXISTING BUSINESS SUCCESSION OF OWNERSHIP PLAN OR AS ALTERNATIVE  
12    OPTION IF A BUSINESS IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE OR TRANSFER BY THE  
13    CURRENT OWNER OR THE HEIRS OR ESTATE OF A DECEASED OWNER. FOR THE  
14    PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A MICRO-BUSINESS SHALL BE DEFINED AS A BUSI-  
15    NESS WITH FIVE OR LESS FULL-TIME OR FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES. ALL  
16    ELIGIBLE ENTITIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A BUSINESS PLAN WITH THEIR  
17    APPLICATION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE.  
18    S 2. The opening paragraph of section 104-a of the economic develop-  
19    ment law, as added by chapter 788 of the laws of 1983, is amended to  
20    read as follows:  
21    With respect to employee ownership assistance loans provided for in  
22    subtitle six of title eight of article eight of the public authorities  
23    law AND PARAGRAPH (O) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SIXTEEN-M OF SECTION  
24    ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED  
25    SIXTY-EIGHT, CONSTITUTING THE NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPO-  
26    RATION ACT, the department shall have the power and duty and in cooper-

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

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1 ation with the job development authority, OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS, AND  
2 THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION to:  
3 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
4 the amendments to section sixteen-m of the urban development corporation  
5 act made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of  
6 such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.