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AN ACT to amend the public buildings law, in relation to bicycle access  
to public office buildings

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

1     Section 1. Section 11 of the public buildings law, as added by chapter  
2     819 of the laws of 1987 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 126 of  
3     the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:  
4     S 11. [Pilot program] PROGRAM of bicycle parking facilities. 1.  
5     Legislative finding. In recognition of the role which bicycles can serve  
6     as a valuable transportation mode with energy conservation, health,  
7     PHYSICAL FITNESS and environmental benefits, it is hereby declared to be  
8     the policy of the state that provision for adequate and safe bicycle  
9     facilities including the use of present facilities for safe and secure  
10    bicycle parking be included in the planning [and], development,  
11    CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION of all state facilities.  
12    2. (a) The commissioner of general services shall undertake a [pilot]  
13    program for THE provision and promotion of safe and secure bicycle park-  
14    ing facilities at state office buildings FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND VISI-  
15    TORS AT SUCH BUILDINGS. The commissioner[, within one year of the enact-  
16    ment of this section,] OF GENERAL SERVICES shall provide, at the  
17    principal office buildings under his OR HER superintendence at the  
18    Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza in Albany[, New York], secure  
19    bicycle parking facilities for use by employees and visitors. PROVIDED,  
20    FURTHER, THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL MAKE AN INVEN-  
21    TORY OF ALL EXISTING BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES AT ALL STATE OFFICE  
22    BUILDINGS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS IN WHICH THE STATE LEASES OR OCCUPIES  
23    SPACE. SUCH INVENTORY SHALL BE MADE ONLY OF STATE OWNED OR LEASED BUILD-  
24    INGS OR OFFICES WHICH HAVE OVER FIFTY STATE EMPLOYEES LOCATED AT SUCH  
25    SITE OR IN WHICH THE VISITATION RATE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS OVER FIVE

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

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1 HUNDRED VISITORS, ON AVERAGE, EACH MONTH. SUCH INVENTORY OF BICYCLE  
2 PARKING AND STORAGE FACILITIES SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF  
3 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN  
4 WHICH AMENDED THIS SECTION.

5 (b) The commissioner OF GENERAL SERVICES is also authorized, within a  
6 reasonable period and where feasible, to provide suitable support facil-  
7 ities including clothing lockers, showers and changing facilities, and  
8 to charge a reasonable use fee.

9 (c) For the purpose of this section, the term "bicycle parking facili-  
10 ty" means a device or enclosure, located within a building or installa-  
11 tion, or conveniently adjacent thereto, that is easily accessible,  
12 clearly visible and so located as to minimize the danger of theft of  
13 bicycles. Such a device shall consist of a parking rack, locker, or  
14 other device constructed to enable the frame and both wheels of a bicy-  
15 cle to be secured with ease by use of a padlock in a manner that will  
16 minimize the risk of theft, or an enclosure which limits access to the  
17 bicycles and is under observation by an attendant.

18 3. UPON COMPLETION OF A STATE OFFICE BUILDING BICYCLE PARKING FACILI-  
19 TIES INVENTORY PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS  
20 SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO  
21 EXPAND BICYCLE PARKING TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF SUCH FACILITIES BY STATE  
22 EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT PATRONIZE SUCH FACILITIES TO  
23 CONDUCT PUBLIC BUSINESS. SUCH PLAN SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN EIGHTEEN  
24 MONTHS AFTER FINALIZATION OF THE PARKING FACILITIES INVENTORY. SUCH PLAN  
25 MAY CONTAIN AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE STATE  
26 EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO USE BICYCLES MORE FREQUENTLY AT EACH  
27 STATE OFFICE BUILDING FACILITY OR LEASED PREMISES:

28 (A) THE INVENTORY OF BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES SHALL BE RANKED FROM  
29 HIGHEST TO LOWEST BASED ON THE EXISTING UNFULFILLED DEMAND FOR SUCH  
30 FACILITIES AT STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS. SUCH RANKING SHALL ALSO CONSIDER  
31 INCREASED FUTURE DEMAND OR THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED FUTURE DEMAND OF  
32 SUCH PARKING AND STORAGE FACILITIES;

33 (B) IN URBAN SETTINGS, THERE SHOULD BE A PLAN TO DEVELOP AN AMPLE  
34 SUPPLY OF SECURE OFF-STREET BICYCLE PARKING OR ALTERNATE INDOOR PARKING  
35 OR STORAGE FOR SUCH BICYCLES;

36 (C) ADEQUATE POSTING OF SUCH BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES SHALL BE  
37 PROVIDED FOR AND PLACED AROUND SUCH STATE OFFICE BUILDING FACILITY TO  
38 ENCOURAGE UTILIZATION OF SUCH PARKING FACILITIES BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND  
39 THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

40 (D) A MARKETING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE  
41 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO STATE EMPLOYEES, VISITORS TO STATE  
42 OFFICE BUILDINGS, AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO  
43 USE BICYCLES WHEN TRAVELING TO SUCH BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES; AND

44 (E) THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES MAY INCLUDE AND ADDRESS ANY  
45 OTHER ELEMENT IN THE PLAN AS HE OR SHE DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

46 4. In undertaking such [pilot] program, the office OF GENERAL SERVICES  
47 shall: (a) Consult with and cooperate with (i) [the statewide bicycle  
48 advisory council, (ii)] the [New York state] department of transporta-  
49 tion regional bicycle coordinator[, (iii)]; (II) local bicycle planning  
50 groups[,]; and [(iv)] (III) persons, organizations, and groups served  
51 by, interested in, or concerned with the area under study.

52 (b) Request and receive from any department, division, board, bureau,  
53 commission or other agency of the state or any political subdivision  
54 thereof or any public authority, any assistance and data as may be  
55 necessary to enable the office OF GENERAL SERVICES to carry out its  
56 responsibilities under this section.

1 [(c) On or before the first day of January, nineteen hundred eighty-  
2 nine, a report shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature  
3 which shall include a determination of usage levels, a statement outlin-  
4 ing first year progress and the elements of a statewide plan for the  
5 provision of such facilities.]

6 5. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE STATE OR  
7 THE OWNER, LESSEE, MANAGER OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS IN CONTROL OF A BUILD-  
8 ING GOVERNED BY THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR STORED BICYCLES AT  
9 SUCH BUILDING OR BROUGHT INTO SUCH BUILDING OR TO PERMIT A BICYCLE TO BE  
10 PARKED IN A MANNER THAT VIOLATES BUILDING OR FIRE CODES OR ANY OTHER  
11 APPLICABLE LAW, RULE OR CODE, OR WHICH OTHERWISE IMPEDES INGRESS OR  
12 EGRESS TO SUCH BUILDING.

13 6. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A TEMPORARY BICYCLE COMMUTING TASK  
14 FORCE TO EXAMINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHELTERED BICYCLE PARKING IN PUBLIC  
15 SPACES.

16 (A) SUCH TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF EIGHT MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE  
17 COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION,  
18 THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND  
19 RECREATION OR A DESIGNEE OF ANY SUCH COMMISSIONERS. THE REMAINING FOUR  
20 MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF A GROUP OF MUNICIPAL PLANNERS, BICYCLE ASSOCI-  
21 ATION REPRESENTATIVES, BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS. THEY SHALL  
22 BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY  
23 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY  
24 LEADER OF THE SENATE; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF  
25 THE ASSEMBLY; AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER  
26 OF THE ASSEMBLY.

27 (B) THE CHAIR OF THE TEMPORARY BICYCLE COMMUTING TASK FORCE SHALL BE  
28 THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES. MEMBERS OF THE TEMPORARY BICYCLE  
29 COMMUTING TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND SHALL MEET  
30 WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHAIR.

31 (C) WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF THE TEMPORARY BICYCLE COMMUTING TASK  
32 FORCE'S ESTABLISHMENT, SUCH TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO THE  
33 GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
34 LIMITED TO (I) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DEMAND FOR SHELTERED BICYCLE PARKING  
35 IN PUBLIC SPACES; (II) AN EXAMINATION OF THE MARKETING AND COMMUNITY  
36 OUTREACH EFFORTS NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF BICYCLES; AND (III)  
37 RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS WITH ENTITIES TO DEVELOP  
38 BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC SPACES. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE POST-  
39 ED ON THE WEBSITE OF EACH STATE AGENCY THAT WAS A MEMBER OF SUCH TASK  
40 FORCE WITHIN TWENTY DAYS FROM ITS SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR. THE TEMPO-  
41 RARY BICYCLE COMMUTING TASK FORCE SHALL CEASE TO EXIST THREE MONTHS  
42 AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF ITS REPORT.

43 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
44 it shall have become a law.