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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

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

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1 BUILDINGS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS IN WHICH THE STATE LEASES OR OCCUPIES  
2 SPACE. SUCH INVENTORY SHALL BE MADE ONLY OF STATE OWNED OR LEASED BUILD-  
3 INGS OR OFFICES WHICH HAVE OVER FIFTY STATE EMPLOYEES LOCATED AT SUCH  
4 SITE OR IN WHICH THE VISITATION RATE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS OVER FIVE  
5 HUNDRED VISITORS, ON AVERAGE, EACH MONTH. SUCH INVENTORY OF BICYCLE  
6 PARKING AND STORAGE FACILITIES SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF  
7 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN  
8 WHICH AMENDED THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

40 (C) ADEQUATE POSTING OF SUCH BICYCLE PARKING FACILITIES SHALL BE  
41 PROVIDED FOR AND PLACED AROUND SUCH STATE OFFICE BUILDING FACILITY TO  
42 ENCOURAGE UTILIZATION OF SUCH PARKING FACILITIES BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND  
43 THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) SUCH TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF NINE MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION OR A DESIGNEE OF ANY SUCH COMMISSIONERS. THE REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF A GROUP OF MUNICIPAL PLANNERS, BICYCLE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES, BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS. THEY SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY; AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

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

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

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