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AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to establishing the Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists

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

1 Section 1. The arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a
2 new section 3.17 to read as follows:

3 S 3.17. NEW YORK STATE EDWARD HOPPER CITATION OF MERIT FOR VISUAL
4 ARTISTS. 1. THE GOVERNOR SHALL BIENNIALY PRESENT THE NEW YORK STATE
5 EDWARD HOPPER CITATION OF MERIT TO A DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK VISUAL
6 ARTIST WHO IS MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF
7 THE ARTS IN NEW YORK STATE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PANEL CONSTI-
8 TUTED IN THIS SECTION. THE VISUAL ARTIST SELECTED SHALL BE CONSIDERED
9 THE STATE VISUAL ARTIST AND THE CITATION SHALL CARRY AN HONORARIUM OF
10 TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

11 2. THE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS SHALL BIENNIALY APPOINT AND CONVENE AN
12 ADVISORY PANEL OF DISTINGUISHED VISUAL ARTISTS AND PERSONS WITH PARTIC-
13 ULAR EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF VISUAL ART. THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL
14 AND THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE EDWARD HOPPER HOUSE SHALL BE PERMANENT
15 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY PANEL. EACH CURRENT STATE VISUAL ARTIST WILL
16 SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PANEL IN CHOOSING THE NEXT NEW YORK STATE
17 EDWARD HOPPER VISUAL ARTIST.

18 THE PANEL SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR A VISUAL ARTIST WHOSE
19 ACHIEVEMENTS MAKE HIM OR HER DESERVING OF SUCH RECOGNITION.

20 3. THE STATE VISUAL ARTIST SHALL PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE VISUAL ARTS
21 WITHIN THE STATE AND SHALL GIVE TWO PUBLIC SHOWINGS WITHIN THE STATE
22 EACH YEAR, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE HELD AT THE EDWARD HOPPER HOUSE ART
23 CENTER IN THE VILLAGE OF NYACK. UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXHIBITS, EACH

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

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1 GALLERY SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES NOT TO EXCEED TWO
2 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

3 4. THE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS SHALL ESTABLISH SUCH PROCEDURES AND GUIDE-
4 LINES AS ARE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.