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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the affordable residential green building program

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

1     Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 1872-a to read as follows:  
3     S 1872-A.     AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM. NOTWITH-  
4     STANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE AUTHORITY  
5     SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM PURSUANT TO STANDARDS AND  
6     CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO  
7     OWNERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WHICH ARE  
8     AFFORDABLE.     FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AFFORDABLE" MEANS WHERE THE  
9     HOMEBUYER HAS A HOUSEHOLD INCOME WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED THE INCOME LIMITS  
10    DEFINED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY LOW INTEREST RATE MORT-  
11    GAGE PROGRAM IN THE NON-TARGET, ONE-AND TWO-PERSON HOUSEHOLD CATEGORY  
12    FOR THE COUNTY WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. SUCH INCENTIVES SHALL BE  
13    AVAILABLE BASED UPON THE USE OF DESIGN AND BUILDING TECHNIQUES ESTAB-  
14    LISHED OR PROMULGATED BY THE AUTHORITY WHICH PROMOTE SMART GROWTH AND  
15    SMART PLANNING, REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, ACHIEVE ENERGY EFFI-  
16    CIENCY AND REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION, FACILITATE THE INCORPORATION OF  
17    ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTS, PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY OF GAS AND  
18    NATURAL RESOURCES, REDUCE WASTE AND CREATE A HEALTHY INDOOR LIVING ENVI-  
19    RONMENT WHILE MAINTAINING AFFORDABILITY FOR HOUSEHOLD INCOMES AS  
20    PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGU-  
21    LATIONS TO ESTABLISH AFFORDABLE GREEN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING STANDARDS AND  
22    CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION  
23    OF SUCH PROGRAM. THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON SUCH  
24    PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE POSTED ON THE AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE.  
25    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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