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Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to repeal certain provisions of the arts and cultural affairs law relating to establishing the Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists; and to establish 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:

Section 1. Section 3.17 of the arts and cultural affairs law, is REPEALED.

S 2. Edward Hopper citation of merit for visual artists. 1. The governor shall present the New York state Edward Hopper citation of merit to a distinguished New York visual artist who is making a significant contribution to the advancement of the arts in New York state upon the recommendation of the panel constituted in this section. The citation shall carry an honorarium of five thousand dollars.

2. The council on the arts shall appoint and convene an advisory panel of distinguished visual artists and persons with particular expertise in the field of visual art. The director of the council and the artistic director of the Edward Hopper house shall be members of the advisory panel.

The panel shall recommend to the governor a visual artist whose achievements make him or her deserving of such recognition.

3. The visual artist selected shall promote and encourage the visual arts within the state and shall give two public showings within the state, one of which shall be held at the Edward Hopper house art center in the village of Nyack. Upon completion of the exhibits, each gallery shall be reimbursed for administrative fees not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.

4. The council on the arts shall establish such procedures and guidelines as are necessary to effect the provisions of this section.

5. This citation of merit shall be first awarded during the 2017 year and shall be continued at the discretion of the council on the arts.

S 3. 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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