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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law and the real property law, in
relation to notifying certain property owners of record of changes to
a parcel and coordinating tax maps with surveyor maps

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 503 of the real property tax law,
2 as added by chapter 472 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 2. The originals of tax maps approved under this section shall be
5 filed in the office of the county director of real property tax
6 services. With the cooperation and concurrence of the assessor, the
7 county director shall make such changes from year to year upon such tax
8 maps as may be necessary to maintain the maps in current condition
9 INCLUDING THE DATE THE CHANGES WERE MADE AND THE NAME OF THE PERSON
10 MAKING SUCH CHANGES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IF A SURVEY IS DONE ON A PARCEL,
11 SUCH SURVEY SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE TAX MAP OF THE SAME PARCEL AND
12 IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY, ALL AFFECTED LANDOWNERS SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY
13 THE LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR AS PROVIDED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-
14 FOUR-B OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW. The expense of maintaining such tax
15 maps in current condition shall be a county charge and shall be levied
16 ad valorem upon all taxable property in the county. On such dates as are
17 appropriate for use in connection with the preparation of assessment
18 rolls, the county director shall furnish each city, town and village
19 that assesses real property for purposes of taxation with a copy of the
20 approved tax map or pertinent portion thereof in current condition. Such
21 copy of the map shall be a public record and shall be filed in the
22 office of the assessor of the city, town or village; provided, however,
23 that if the city, town or village does not maintain an office for the
24 assessor, the map shall be filed in the office of the city, town or

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

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1 village clerk. The county director may file an additional copy of the
2 tax map in the office of the county clerk and shall provide such addi-
3 tional copies to such county or other government agencies as the legis-
4 lative body of the county may direct.

5 S 2. The section heading of section 334 of the real property law, as
6 amended by section 687 of the laws of 2005, is amended, subdivisions 1,
7 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are renumbered subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
8 and a new subdivision 1 is added to read as follows:

9 [Maps] NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; MAPS to be filed; penalty for nonfiling.

10 1. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EVERY PERSON OR CORPORATION WHO, AS OWNER
11 OR AGENT, SUBDIVIDES REAL PROPERTY INTO LOTS, PLOTS, BLOCKS OR SITES,
12 WITH OR WITHOUT STREETS, FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF
13 SUCH PLAN TO SURVEY OR HAVE SURVEYED SUCH REAL PROPERTY PRIOR TO SUCH
14 SUBDIVIDING OF REAL PROPERTY. SUCH PUBLISHED NOTICE SHALL BE IN TWO
15 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, AT LEAST ONE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MOST LIKELY TO
16 GIVE NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN CONSECUTIVE
17 DAYS PRIOR TO SURVEY, AND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK IN EACH OF FOUR SUCCE-
18 SIVE WEEKS AFTER SUCH SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE. IT SHALL ALSO BE THE DUTY OF
19 THE LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A LAND
20 SURVEY BY POSTING SIGNS ON OR NEAR THE PROPERTY TO BE SURVEYED TEN DAYS
21 PRIOR TO, DURING, AND FOR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE LAND SURVEY.

22 S 3. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 334-b to
23 read as follows:

24 S 334-B. DISCREPANCY AMONG LAND MAPS; PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY.
25 IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE WRITTEN
26 NOTICE TO HIS OR HER CLIENT WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF A LAND SURVEY, AS WELL
27 AS ALL OF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS, OF ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE LAND
28 MAP TO BE FILED BY SUCH SURVEYOR AND THE PREVIOUSLY FILED LAND MAP OF
29 SUCH REAL PROPERTY IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK WHERE THE PROPERTY
30 IS SITUATED. THE DUTY TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SUCH DISCREPANCY SHALL ONLY
31 APPLY WHERE THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SURVEYED IS FIVE ACRES OR LESS
32 AND TWO PERCENT OR MORE OF THE PROPERTY IS AFFECTED BY A DISCREPANCY, OR
33 WHERE THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SURVEYED IS MORE THAN FIVE ACRES AND
34 TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS AFFECTED BY A DISCREPANCY. A
35 FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SUCH DISCREPANCY SHALL SUBJECT THE SURVEYOR
36 TO A PENALTY TO BE DETERMINED AND IMPOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCA-
37 TION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND LAND
38 SURVEYING.

39 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
40 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
41 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
42 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to
43 be made and completed on or before such effective date.