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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to adding a representative from WUFO Studios to the Michigan Street African Heritage Corridor commission

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 41.05 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 359 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

The commission is hereby established as a not-for-profit corporation. The commission shall be governed by the not-for-profit corporation law except where such law conflicts with this article, in which case the 7 provisions of this article shall govern. The commission shall consist of 8 to [twelve] THIRTEEN voting members and seven non-voting ex-officio 9 members. One member each shall be appointed by the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly. Other 10 members shall include the mayor of the city of Buffalo, or his or her 11 designee, a representative of museum studies at the state university of 12 13 New York College at Buffalo, two representatives of the department of 14 Afro-American studies at the state university of New York at Buffalo, a representative from the Monroe Fordham regional history center at the 15 16 state university of New York College at Buffalo, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM 17 WUFO STUDIOS, and a representative from each board governing the J. 18 Edward Nash House, the Michigan Street Baptist Church, the Langston 19 Hughes Institute, and the Colored Musicians Club. All appointments shall be residents of the city of Buffalo, but the commission has the authori-20 ty to waive this requirement at its discretion. In addition, seven non-21 22 voting members shall serve ex-officio: the secretary of state, the commissioners of the office of parks, recreation and historic preserva-23 24 tion, environmental conservation, economic development and education,

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

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one member from the congregation of the Michigan Street Baptist Church or their designee and the president of the city of Buffalo's convention and visitor's bureau, or their designees. Appointments to the commission shall be filed with the commissioner who shall convene the first meeting of the commission following the filing of a majority of the appointments. At the initial meeting, the members of the commission shall elect officers.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to section 41.05 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.