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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the town law and the village law, in relation to requiring local building and planning regulations to accommodate the use of renewable and alternative energy sources

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

1     Section 1. Section 263 of the town law, as amended by chapter 602 of  
2     the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 263. Purposes in view. Such regulations shall be made in accordance  
4     with a comprehensive plan and designed to lessen congestion in the  
5     streets; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and other dangers; to  
6     promote health and general welfare; to provide adequate light and air;  
7     to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of  
8     population; to make provision for, so far as conditions may permit, the  
9     accommodation of [solar energy systems and equipment and access to  
10    sunlight necessary therefor] RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, WHICH FOR THE  
11    PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE SOLAR THERMAL, PHOTOVOLTAICS,  
12    WIND, HYDROELECTRIC, GEOTHERMAL ELECTRIC, GEOTHERMAL GROUND SOURCE HEAT,  
13    TIDAL ENERGY, WAVE ENERGY, OCEAN THERMAL, AND FUEL CELLS USING RENEWABLE  
14    FUELS; to facilitate the practice of forestry; to facilitate the  
15    adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks  
16    and other public requirements. Such regulations shall be made with  
17    reasonable consideration, among other things, as to the character of the  
18    district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses, and with a  
19    view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most  
20    appropriate use of land throughout such municipality.  
21    S 2. Section 7-704 of the village law, as amended by chapter 742 of  
22    the laws of 1979, is amended to read as follows:  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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17 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.