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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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