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

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to establishing a senior housing task force

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 12-a to read as follows:

3 § 12-a. Senior housing task force. 1. There is hereby established
4 within the division of housing and community renewal a senior housing
5 task force. It shall meet as often as necessary, but no less than four
6 times per year. All members shall be provided with notice reasonably in
7 advance of each meeting with date, time and location of such meeting.
8 Task force members may use videoconferencing for attendance and partic-
9 ipation. The task force shall consist of sixteen members and shall
10 include representatives from the following state agencies: the division
11 of housing and community renewal, the office for the aging, the depart-
12 ment of health, the office of mental health, the department of economic
13 development, the office for people with developmental disabilities, the
14 division of protective services for adults of the office of children and
15 family services, and the New York city department for the aging. Of the
16 eight remaining members, three shall be appointed by the speaker of the
17 assembly, three shall be appointed by the temporary president of the
18 senate, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly
19 and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and
20 shall broadly represent housing and senior citizen groups from all
21 geographic areas of the state including service providers, associations,
22 advocates, proprietors, and consumers of for-profit and not-for-profit
23 senior housing options including but not limited to: assisted living
24 facilities, adult homes, skilled nursing facilities, independent living
25 facilities, naturally occurring retirement communities, neighborhood

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

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1 naturally occurring retirement communities, and continuing care retire-
2 ment communities. Members shall receive no compensation for their
3 services but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually
4 and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The task
5 force shall be co-chaired by the commissioner of the division of housing
6 and community renewal and the director of the office for the aging. The
7 task force is responsible for conducting an annual state-wide assessment
8 of senior housing needs taking into consideration the various geograph-
9 ical areas and different needs of the seniors in those areas and
10 resources available in those different areas and project those needs
11 over the next five years; other factors which shall be taken into
12 consideration are: health care needs of seniors, the long term care
13 needs of seniors, financial resources available to seniors, or needed by
14 seniors, and transportation needs of seniors. The assessment shall
15 include, but not be limited to, a review of innovative approaches
16 successfully being implemented in New York state and in other states and
17 their potential for implementation or expansion in this state. Such
18 assessment shall also develop a plan for providing quality senior hous-
19 ing to meet the projected needs of seniors located in different
20 geographical areas of the state.

21 2. The task force shall issue a report by each January first outlining
22 its findings, recommendations, and the state plan. The report shall be
23 delivered to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary
24 president of the senate, the chairpersons of the housing, aging and
25 health committees in the assembly, and the chairpersons of the housing,
26 construction and community development, aging and health committees in
27 the senate.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
29 have become a law.