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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to create a temporary commission relating to the office of mental health housing programs; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. A temporary state commission, to be known as the "office of mental health housing program evaluation commission" (hereinafter referred to as the "commission") is hereby created to make determinations and recommendations on the following:

a. The adequacy of funding levels in scattered site supportive housing, licensed community residences, licensed treatment apartments, and all other supportive housing (hereinafter referred to as "the programs"), under the auspices of the office of mental health.

b. The adequacy of the numbers of direct care staff as well as need for professional staff in the programs.

c. The level of programmatic needs of the residents and the ability of the programs' and/or the mental health system's ability to meet those needs.

2. The commission shall consist of nine members as follows: two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; and three members shall be appointed by the governor. The commission members shall be appointed within 30 days after this act shall have become a law. Members so appointed shall be representative of resident advocates, family members of residents, program provider organizations, licensed mental health professionals and related health care professionals. No

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

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member, officer or employee of the commission shall be disqualified from holding any other public office or employment, nor shall he or she forfeit any such office or employment by reason of his or her appointment hereunder, notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, ordinance or city charter.

3. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

4. The commission shall make a report of its findings, including any recommendations for legislative action as it may deem necessary and appropriate, to the governor and the legislature no later than six months after the effective date of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 6 months after such date.