AN ACT in relation to requiring any land development or construction project approved one year prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to be reevaluated through a land use review process if work has not been commenced on such project

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any land use, land development or construction project which was approved by the state or a local municipality within one year prior to the state of emergency declared by executive order 202 that began on March 7, 2020 shall be reevaluated through a land use review process if work has not yet been commenced on such project. Such reevaluation shall ensure that such project is still suitable to be constructed or developed pursuant to the original approval granted, while taking into consideration and addressing any adverse effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on such project or the area where such project is located which was not considered during the initial approval process.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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