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Introduced by M. of A. CYMBROWITZ, BARRON -- read once and referred 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:

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

§ 12-a. Senior housing task force. 1. There is hereby established within the division of housing and community renewal a senior housing task force which shall meet at least once annually in different geographical areas of the state. All members shall be provided with notice reasonably in advance of each meeting with date, time and location of such meeting. Task force members may use videoconferencing for attendance and participation. The task force shall consist of sixteen members and shall include representatives from the following state agencies: the division of housing and community renewal, the office for the aging, the department of health, the office of mental health, the department of economic development, the office for people with developmental disabilities, the division of protective services for adults of the office of children and family services, and the New York city department for the aging. Of the eight remaining members, three shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, three shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and shall broadly represent housing and senior citizen groups from all geographic areas of the state including service providers, associations, advocates, proprietors, and consumers of for-profit and not-for-profit senior housing options including but not limited to: assisted living facilities, adult homes, skilled nursing facilities, independent living facilities, naturally

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

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

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

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