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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, BIAGGI, KRUEGER, MAY, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to establishing an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing

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 article 14 to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIV

OBLIGATION TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

Section 600. Obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

§ 600. Obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "covered housing agency" shall mean any state department, agency or office administering housing laws or housing programs including but not limited to New York state homes and community renewal, the division of housing and community renewal, the New York state housing finance agency, the affordable housing corporation, the housing trust fund corporation, the municipal bond bank agency, the state of New York mortgage agency, any subsidiary of the foregoing agencies, and any localities receiving funds from any state department, agency or office to administer programs or activities related to housing.

2. The commissioner and all covered housing agencies shall administer all such programs and activities related to housing in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing and shall cooperate with the commissioner to further such purpose.

3. The commissioner and all covered housing agencies shall take meaningful actions to:

(a) identify and overcome patterns of segregation;

(b) eradicate racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty;

(c) reduce disparities in access to opportunity;

(d) eliminate disproportionate housing needs; and

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

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1 (e) encourage and maintain compliance with section two hundred nine-
2 ty-six of the executive law.

3 4. The commissioner and all covered housing agencies shall take no
4 action that is materially inconsistent with the obligation of this
5 section.

6 5. The commissioner shall on or before November thirtieth of each year
7 submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the
8 temporary president of the senate regarding the implementation of this
9 section during the preceding fiscal year. Such report shall also be made
10 available to the public. The report shall include any significant initi-
11 atives, policies, or programs undertaken in furtherance of fair housing
12 and any recommendations for improving the state of fair housing in New
13 York.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.