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AN ACT in relation to enacting the "protect main street act"; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "protect main street act".

§ 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, prior to any further proceedings in a commercial eviction matter commenced on or after March 17, 2020, the court shall hold a settlement conference to address subjects related to COVID-19 pandemic concerns and relevant legal defenses, including but not limited to, whether an unanticipated event that could not have been foreseen or guarded against in the lease contract made performance of the subject matter of the contract, in full or in part, objectively impossible.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year after such date.

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

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