

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 2, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- 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 private housing finance law, in relation to requiring the division of housing and community renewal to provide an annual report on the New York access to home programs

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

1 Section 1. The private housing finance law is amended by adding a new
2 section 1203 to read as follows:

3 § 1203. Report. 1. The division of housing and community renewal shall
4 issue an annual report on the access to home programs regarding certain
5 data and program progress for the previous year. Such report shall
6 include, but not be limited to:

7 (a) the number of contracts the corporation entered into with eligible
8 applicants and the amount of funding both awarded and expended by
9 successful applicants;

10 (b) the number of projects each eligible recipient completed;

11 (c) the types of projects completed by each eligible recipient,
12 including the average cost of each type of project;

13 (d) the geographic diversity of the beneficiaries of each completed
14 project;

15 (e) the demographic information of the beneficiaries of each completed
16 project, including differentiating between renters and homeowners;

17 (f) the unmet demand for access to home programs who applied for fund-
18 ing through an access to home program;

19 (g) how many persons with eligible properties were denied and the
20 demographic information regarding such denied individuals; and

21 (h) the average timeline for completion of each project.

22 2. Such report required pursuant to subdivision one of this section
23 shall be posted and made publicly available on the division of housing
24 and community renewal's website in a clear and conspicuous manner.

25 § 2. Section 1200 of the private housing finance law, as added by
26 chapter 159 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 § 1200. Statement of legislative findings and purpose. The legislature
2 hereby finds and declares that there exists in New York state a serious
3 need for financial and technical resources to assist renters and proper-
4 ty owners to make dwelling units accessible for low and moderate income
5 persons with disabilities. Providing assistance with the cost of adapt-
6 ing homes will enable many New Yorkers with disabilities to safely and
7 comfortably continue to, or return to, live in their residences instead
8 of residing in an institutional setting. The division of housing and
9 community renewal shall undertake an ongoing effort to promote the
10 availability of the access to home program to all eligible applicants
11 and persons with eligible properties, as those terms are defined under
12 this article, both to encourage participation in the program and gauge
13 unmet need.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
15 it shall have become a law.