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AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to creating arts and cultural districts

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

1 Section 1. The arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a
2 new section 3.17 to read as follows:

3 § 3.17. Arts and cultural districts. 1. For the purposes of this
4 section, "arts and cultural districts" means geographic areas of a city,
5 town or village with a concentration of non-profit institutions engaged
6 in artistic and cultural activities including, but not limited to,
7 music, theatre, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture, and allied
8 arts and crafts.

9 2. The council shall develop criteria and guidelines for state desig-
10 nated arts and cultural districts. Criteria developed by the council to
11 designate a district shall, to the extent practicable, include, but not
12 be limited to, determinations that such district: (a) attracts artists
13 or cultural enterprises to the community, (b) encourages business and
14 job development due to the pre-existing institutions, (c) attracts a
15 sufficient amount of tourism, (d) enhances local property values and
16 fosters local cultural development, or (e) has the potential to meet any
17 of the categorical determinations if sufficient state support and
18 assistance is provided to the proposed district. The council shall also
19 develop guidelines that provide assistance to a city, town, or village
20 in developing an application for district certification.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
22 it shall have become a law.

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

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