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AN ACT to establish a housing task force addressing affordable housing for millennials in suburban counties

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

Section 1. A housing task force to address affordable housing for millennials in suburban counties is hereby established. The role of the task force includes, but is not limited to:

(a) facilitating interagency planning and policy;

(b) reviewing specific agency initiatives for affordable housing for millennials ages 25 to 35;

(c) providing a continuing forum to discuss concerns and issues related to the formulation of state policy designed to help address this issue;

(d) developing linkages and partnerships with housing developers and other appropriate entities to address the problem of lack of affordable housing for millennials; and

(e) identifying existing state initiatives that would aid in providing millennials with resources to find affordable housing.

§ 2. On or before two years after the effective date of this act, the task force shall issue its findings, any legislative recommendations or proposed state policy it deems necessary to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, minority leader of the senate, and minority leader of the assembly.

§ 3. The task force shall consist of a total of ten members and shall be appointed as follows: one member shall be appointed by the department of homes and community renewal; one member shall be appointed by the department of economic development; one member shall be appointed joint-

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

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ly by the housing finance agency and the mortgage agency; one member shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; one member shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; one member shall be appointed by the senate housing, construction and community development committee; one member shall be appointed by the assembly housing committee; and three members shall be appointed by the governor. All members of the task force shall have experience in or represent the following areas: housing providers and associations, real estate providers and associations, mortgage providers and associations and millennial consumers.

§ 4. The county executives from Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties shall each select one of the members appointed in section three of this act, and such members shall constitute a sub-task force to focus on affordable housing for millennials in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

§ 5. One of the appointments by the governor shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

§ 6. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation and the empire state development corporation shall be responsible for any expenses incurred by the task force.

§ 7. All departments, divisions, bureaus, commissions, districts or agencies of the state or any political subdivisions thereof shall, at the request of the chairperson, provide the task force with such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

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