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Introduced by Sens. THOMAS, MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development -- recommitted to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 changes 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. The task force may

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

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also issue interim findings, legislative recommendations, or proposed state policy changes it deems necessary at any time.

§ 3. The task force shall consist of a total of twelve members and shall be appointed as follows: six members shall be appointed by the governor, including one member recommended by the commissioner of the division of housing and community renewal, one member recommended by the commissioner of the department of economic development, one member recommended jointly by the housing finance agency and the state of New York mortgage agency, and one member nominated by each of the county executives of Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties; two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, including one member recommended by the chair of the senate housing, construction and community development committee; one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, including one member recommended by the chair of the assembly housing committee; and one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. 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 members appointed upon the recommendation of the county executives of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties pursuant to section three of this act shall constitute a sub-task force to focus on affordable housing for millennials in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties. Such sub-task force may also include other members of the task force who may be appointed to serve on the sub-task force by the chairperson of the task force at the chairperson's discretion.

§ 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.