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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) the unmet demand for access to home programs who applied for funding through an access to home programs;

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

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

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

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

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

§ 1200. Statement of legislative findings and purpose. The legislature hereby finds and declares that there exists in New York state a serious need for financial and technical resources to assist renters and property owners to make dwelling units accessible for low and moderate income persons with disabilities. Providing assistance with the cost of adapting homes will enable many New Yorkers with disabilities to safely and comfortably continue to, or return to, live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting. **The division of housing and community renewal shall undertake an ongoing effort to promote the availability of the access to home programs to all eligible applicants and persons with eligible properties, as those terms are defined under this article, both to encourage participation in the program and gauge unmet need. Such actions shall include working with any other state agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities to promote the access to home programs. Such actions shall also include but are not limited to providing contact and application information on the website for the division of housing and community renewal for eligible applicants and persons with eligible properties which shall be updated annually.**

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