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Introduced by M. of A. JONES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to establish the Adirondack park affordable housing task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Adirondack park affordable housing act".

§ 2. 1. There is hereby established an Adirondack park affordable housing task force, hereinafter referred to as the "task force", to conduct a comprehensive review of affordable housing issues within the Adirondack park and to make recommendations for addressing those issues. The task force shall consist of twenty-seven members which shall include: the commissioner of the division of housing and community renewal or their designee; the commissioner of labor or their designee; the executive director of the Adirondack park agency or their designee; one representative from each county which contains a part of the Adirondack park, appointed by such counties' legislature or board of supervisors; the president of the Adirondack community housing trust or their designee; and ten other members to be appointed by the governor as follows: two upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; two upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the senate; one upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the assembly; and four without recommendation from any other person.

2. Task force members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, to the extent funds are appropriated for such purpose. The commissioner of the division of housing and community renewal, or their designee, and the executive director of the

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

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Adirondack park agency, or their designee, shall serve as joint chairs of the task force. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or the exercise of any power or function of the task force. Any vacancies on the task force shall be filled in the manner provided for in the initial appointment.

3. The task force shall be authorized to hold public hearings and meetings, and to consult with any organization, educational institution, or government entity or person, to enable it to accomplish its duties. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the task force may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state or any state public authority such assistance, information and data as will enable the task force to properly carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

4. The task force shall undertake a review and assessment of affordable housing within the Adirondack park, including, but not limited to: the past, current and projected future availability of affordable housing within the park; the factors causing or contributing to the lack of affordable housing in the park; and proposed legislative, policy or other measures that can be implemented to increase the availability of affordable housing in the park.

5. The task force shall prepare and submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate committee on housing, construction and community development and the chair of the assembly committee on housing, on or before January first, two thousand twenty-six, a report containing:

(a) a definition of what constitutes affordable housing within the Adirondack park;

(b) the past, current and projected future availability of affordable housing within each county, town, village, hamlet and city in the Adirondack park;

(c) the factors causing or contributing to a lack of affordable housing within the Adirondack park;

(d) recommendations for affordable housing targets for communities in the Adirondack park; and

(e) recommendations for legislative, policy or other measures that can be implemented by state or local government to increase the availability of affordable housing in the Adirondack park and the achievement of the affordable housing targets in paragraph (d) of this subdivision.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2026.