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Introduced by M. of A. LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to enacting the climate relocation planning and preparation act

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 43 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 43

CLIMATE RELOCATION PLANNING AND PREPARATION ACT

Section 930. Short title.
931. Definitions.
932. New York state climate relocation planning and preparation working group.
933. Regional climate relocation planning and preparation.
934. Implementation.
935. Funding.

§ 930. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as the "climate relocation planning and preparation act".

§ 931. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Department" means the department of state.

2. "Regional planning council" means a regional planning council established pursuant to section two hundred thirty-nine-h of the general municipal law.

3. "Climate relocation" means increased migration and relocation of individuals to more desirable locations due to the impacts of climate change.

§ 932. New York state climate relocation planning and preparation working group. 1. The department shall establish an interagency "New York state climate relocation planning and preparation working group" to

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

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develop a state strategy to help prepare for the possibility of increased in-migration due to climate relocation.

2. The state strategy developed under this section shall, at a minimum:

(a) consider all aspects of state government, including, but not limited to, economic development, education, agricultural production, public health, and water resources and management;

(b) identify potential impacts of climate relocation on state resources and services; and

(c) make recommendations of actions to be taken by state and local government to prepare for such impacts.

3. The working group created by subdivision one of this section shall provide the state strategy developed under this section to the regional planning councils by no later than the first of January, two thousand twenty-five.

§ 933. Regional climate relocation planning and preparation. 1. The regional planning councils shall develop regional frameworks to help prepare for the implementation of the state strategy developed under section nine hundred thirty-two of this article and any additional regional strategies identified by such regional planning councils.

2. The regional frameworks developed under this section shall, at a minimum:

(a) consider regional strengths and areas of improvement to help prepare for the possibility of increased in-migration due to climate relocation;

(b) identify potential impacts of climate relocation on regional resources and services;

(c) identify and prioritize specific projects and initiatives to reactivate or develop regional infrastructure, such as housing, sewer, and other infrastructure already existing in areas that have experienced declining population; and

(d) incorporate the state strategy developed under section nine hundred thirty-two of this article, as appropriate for each region.

3. The regional planning councils shall complete the regional frameworks developed under this section by no later than the first of January, two thousand twenty-six.

§ 934. Implementation. The department and regional planning councils shall take such actions as may be necessary to develop and implement the state strategy and regional frameworks required under sections nine hundred thirty-two and nine hundred thirty-three of this article.

§ 935. Funding. The department and regional planning councils are authorized to seek and accept grants, donations, and other forms of funding to support the development and implementation of the state strategy and regional frameworks required under sections nine hundred thirty-two and nine hundred thirty-three of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.