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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ARDILA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation -- recommitted to the Committee on Environmental Conservation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to require the department of environmental conservation to conduct a study on the feasibility of constructing a seawall along the coastline of the city of New York; 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:

1 Section 1. New York seawall study. No later than December 31, 2027,
2 the department of environmental conservation shall transmit to the
3 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
4 assembly a report identifying the feasibility, costs, impacts, and best
5 locations for construction of a seawall to protect the city of New York
6 from sea level rise and storm surge along the entire coastline. The
7 report shall contain the following:
8 (a) coastal areas at greatest risk from sea level rise based on
9 projections established pursuant to section 3-0319 of the environmental
10 conservation law;
11 (b) areas at risk from storm surge based on current sea levels;
12 (c) areas that are more likely to be at risk from coastal hazards
13 including rising groundwater levels, saltwater intrusion, coastal flood-
14 ing, and extreme weather events including coastal storms, with such
15 projections extending through the year 2100;
16 (d) the locations for construction of a seawall and any communities
17 likely to be at risk from such construction;
18 (e) the feasibility, costs and locations of natural and nature-based
19 solutions and onshore measures to protect New York city from sea level
20 rise and storm surge;

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

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1 (f) the costs, including fiscal impacts, impacts on vulnerable popu-
2 lations and natural resources, of such construction of a seawall; and
3 (g) recommendations on state and local regulatory and/or statutory
4 alterations.
5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
6 deemed repealed January 1, 2028.