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Introduced by Sens. COONEY, ADDABBO, BROUK, CHU, LIU, MARTINEZ, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the New York Asian American and Pacific Islander commission

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 295-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 295-a. New York Asian American and Pacific Islander commission. 1.
4 (a) There is hereby established within the division the New York Asian
5 American and Pacific Islander commission. The commission shall consist
6 of fifteen members representative of Asian American and Pacific Islander
7 communities which may include, but not be limited to: the Bangladeshi,
8 Bhutanese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian,
9 Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Pakistani,
10 Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, and Vietnamese communities.
11 Such members shall have experience advocating on behalf of their commu-
12 nity, and shall be appointed as follows:

13 (1) seven members shall be appointed by the governor;
14 (2) three members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the
15 senate;
16 (3) three members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;
17 (4) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
18 senate; and

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

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1 (5) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assem-
2 bly.

3 The commissioner shall serve as chair of the commission.

4 (b) Each member of the commission shall serve a term of three years,
5 except that in making the first appointments to the commission, four
6 members shall be appointed to serve for one year, four for two years,
7 and seven for three years. The first appointments made by the temporary
8 president of the senate and speaker of the assembly shall be allocated
9 equally between the three terms of service. The first appointments made
10 by the minority leaders shall serve for three years. The first appoint-
11 ments made by the governor shall be as follows: two members shall be
12 appointed to serve for one year, two members shall be appointed to serve
13 for two years, and three members shall be appointed to serve for three
14 years. The members shall be eligible for reappointment and shall serve
15 until their successors are appointed and qualified, and the term of the
16 successor of any incumbent shall be calculated from the expiration of
17 the term of that incumbent. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration
18 of term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment,
19 but for the unexpired term only.

20 (c) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
21 quorum for the purpose of conducting the business thereof and a majority
22 vote of all the members in office shall be necessary for action.

23 2. The commission shall:

24 (a) develop policies to improve the community, economic and social
25 well-being, and the health and educational needs important to Asian
26 American and Pacific Islander communities in the state;

27 (b) develop and coordinate statewide programs, recognizing the contin-
28 uing contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals in
29 the state;

30 (c) create and implement public education campaigns regarding Asian
31 American and Pacific Islander issues and culture;

32 (d) increase the awareness among Asian American and Pacific Islander
33 individuals of state and local resources that may benefit Asian American
34 and Pacific Islander individuals and communities as a whole; and

35 (e) undertake any other activities the commission deems necessary and
36 applicable to support Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in
37 the state.

38 3. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but
39 they shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses
40 incurred in the performance of their duties. The division may provide
41 the commission with such staff, equipment, and facilities as it may
42 need.

43 4. The commission shall submit an annual report on its activities to
44 the governor and the legislature.

45 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.