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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the encroachment or adverse effect upon military operations by tall energy structures, major renewable energy facilities or wind energy facilities

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 720 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 720. Encroachment or adverse effect upon military operations by tall
4 energy structures, major renewable energy facilities or wind energy
5 facilities. 1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms
6 shall have the following meanings:

7 (a) "Tall energy structure" shall mean any structure that has as its
8 primary use the generation or transmission of energy and which is two
9 hundred or more feet in height.

10 (b) "Major renewable energy facility" shall mean any facility as
11 defined under paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section ninety-four-c
12 of this chapter.

13 2. The construction or operation of any tall energy structure, major
14 renewable energy facility or wind energy facility in this state shall
15 not encroach upon or otherwise have an adverse impact on military oper-
16 ations and readiness of any military installation or branch of the mili-
17 tary.

18 3. A local government or the New York state board on electric gener-
19 ation siting and the environment (hereinafter, "the board"), prior to

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

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1 approving an application for the construction of a tall energy structure
2 shall require the applicant to provide the local government or the board
3 with the following:

4 (a) a written determination of no hazard to air navigation issued by
5 the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 77,
6 Subpart D; and

7 (b) in coordination with any affected military installation and the
8 state division of homeland security and emergency services, a written
9 determination resolving any adverse impact to military operations iden-
10 tified during the aeronautics study conducted pursuant to 14 C.F.R.
11 Part 77, Subpart D.

12 A proposed tall energy structure shall be subject to the provisions of
13 subdivision two of this section even if the local government or the
14 board either does not require an application prior to the construction
15 of a tall energy structure or does not require the application outlined
16 in this subdivision.

17 4. The board, prior to approving an application for the construction
18 of a major renewable energy facility shall require the applicant to file
19 an application with the Federal Aviation Administration under 49 U.S.C.
20 § 44718, and provide the board with the following:

21 (a) a written determination of no hazard to air navigation issued by
22 the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 77,
23 Subpart D; and

24 (b) in coordination with any affected military installation and the
25 state division of homeland security and emergency services, a written
26 determination resolving any adverse impact to military operations iden-
27 tified during the aeronautics study conducted pursuant to 14 C.F.R.
28 Part 77, Subpart D.

29 The major renewable energy facility shall be subject to the provisions
30 of subdivision two of this section even if the board either does not
31 require an application prior to the construction of the major renewable
32 energy facility or does not require the application outlined in this
33 subdivision.

34 5. Prior to any planned construction of a wind energy facility, an
35 applicant shall provide the local government or the board considering an
36 application with a map showing the specific location and tower hub
37 height, with rotor diameter, for each proposed wind turbine.

38 6. A local government or the board may not approve an application for
39 the construction of a wind energy facility unless the applicant provides
40 the following documentation:

41 (a) a completed department of defense siting clearinghouse formal
42 review; and

43 (b) a written determination of no hazard to air navigation issued by
44 the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 77,
45 Subpart D.

46 7. Notwithstanding subdivision six of this section, a local government
47 or the board may approve an application for the construction of a wind
48 energy facility conditioned upon the applicant providing the documenta-
49 tion set out in subdivision six of this section.

50 8. If any dispute arises between a local government or the board and
51 an applicant or military installation relating to the approval of any
52 tall energy structure, major renewable energy facility or wind energy
53 facility, the local government or the board shall provide notice to the
54 governor or the governor's designee to facilitate resolution of the
55 dispute.

- 1 9. A local government or the board shall not require any other formal
2 written approval from a military installation to approve an application
3 for the construction of a tall energy structure, a major renewable ener-
4 gy facility or a wind energy facility.
5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.