

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT establishing the local initiatives task force on housing; 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. There is hereby established the local initiatives task
2 force on housing. The purpose of such task force shall be to collaborate
3 with local government officials, state agencies, and stakeholders to
4 develop best practices for local governments to incentivize housing
5 development.

6 § 2. The task force shall consist of sixteen members, to be appointed
7 as follows:

8 (a) the commissioner of the division of homes and community renewal,
9 or such commissioner's designee;

10 (b) one member to be appointed by the governor;

11 (c) one member to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

12 (d) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly;

13 (e) one member to be appointed by the temporary president of the
14 senate;

15 (f) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

16 (g) two members to be appointed by the largest advocacy group repres-
17 enting mayors in New York;

18 (h) two members to be appointed by the largest advocacy group repres-
19 enting county governments in New York;

20 (i) two members to be appointed by the largest trade association
21 representing homebuilders in New York;

22 (j) two members to be appointed by the largest trade labor association
23 representing building and construction workers; and

24 (k) two members to be appointed by the largest trade association
25 representing real estate developers.

26 § 3. The task force shall be chaired by the commissioner of the divi-
27 sion of homes and community renewal or such commissioner's designee.

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

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1 Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their
2 services but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in
3 the performance of their duties in the work of the task force.

4 § 4. The task force shall be authorized to hold public hearings and
5 consult with any organization, educational institution, or other govern-
6 ment entity or person as will enable the task force to properly carry
7 out its powers and duties pursuant to this act. The task force shall
8 hold at least one public hearing in the state for the purpose of solici-
9 ting public comment on housing development.

10 § 5. The task force may request and shall receive from any department,
11 division, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the state or any
12 state public authority such assistance, information, and data as neces-
13 sary to enable the task force to properly carry out its powers and
14 duties pursuant to this act.

15 § 6. The task force shall study and develop best practices for local
16 governments within the state to incentivize housing development, includ-
17 ing but not limited to:

18 (a) studying the effectiveness of tax incentives for housing;

19 (b) developing properties designed for homeowners whose income is less
20 than 125% of the area median income; and

21 (c) analyzing state and local regulatory reform.

22 § 7. The task force shall issue a report of its findings and legisla-
23 tive recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the
24 minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate,
25 the minority leader of the senate, the largest advocacy group represent-
26 ing county governments in New York, and the largest advocacy group
27 representing mayors in New York no later than one year after the effec-
28 tive date of this act.

29 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
30 deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.