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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to establish a temporary state commission to rename any projects, infrastructure, facilities or sites within the state which are named after or include any reference to Robert Moses; 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:

Section 1. The commissioner of the New York state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, is hereby authorized to create a temporary state commission, hereafter referred to as the commission, to rename any projects, infrastructure, facilities or sites within the state which are named after or include any reference to Robert Moses, including, but not limited to, statues, schools, parks, playgrounds, roadways and beaches.

§ 2. (a) The commission shall consist of seven members, to be appointed as follows: one member to be appointed by the governor; three members to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, consisting of two members from the majority party and one member from the minority party; and three members to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, consisting of two members from the majority party and one member from the minority party. Each member appointed pursuant to this section shall be one of a local official, civic leader or park official. Vacancies in the membership of the commission and among its officers shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments or designations. Such appointments shall be made within six months of the effective date of this act.

(b) All departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof shall, at the request of the commission, provide such facilities, assistance, and data as will enable the commission to carry out its powers and duties.

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

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§ 3. (a) For the accomplishment of its purposes, the commission may meet and hold public and/or private hearings within or without the state and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law. The commission is authorized to consult with community leaders and empowered to undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it may deem relevant through its own personnel or in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public or private agency. The commission shall consult with other departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof as necessary when the renaming of a project, piece of infrastructure, facility or site involves such other departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof.

(b) To the maximum extent feasible, the commission may request and shall be entitled to receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data from any court in the state and from any subdivision, department, board, bureau, commission, office, agency or other instrumentality of the state or of any political subdivision thereof as it deems necessary or desirable for the proper execution of its powers and duties and to effectuate the purposes set forth in this act.

(c) The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any agreements and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purposes and objectives of this act.

§ 4. (a) The commission shall make and submit their name recommendations to the commissioner of the New York state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Such recommendations shall be made within six months after all members of the commission have been appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of section two of this act.

(b) Once such recommendations are received and decided upon, the commissioner of the New York state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall take all necessary steps to proceed with such renaming. Where applicable, the commissioner shall work in conjunction with other departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof to proceed with such renaming.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on the first date next succeeding the date of the renaming of all projects, infrastructure, facilities or sites within the state which are named after or include any reference to Robert Moses as required under this act; and provided further, however, that the commissioner of the New York state office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the renaming of all projects, infrastructure, facilities or sites within the state which are named after or include any reference to Robert Moses as required under this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.