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Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS, RAGA, RAMOS, WALKER, LUCAS, LUNSFORD, CRUZ, DAVILA, RIVERA, ARDILA, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, TAYLOR, PEOPLES-STOKES, ANDERSON, TAPIA, BURGOS, SOLAGES, ZACCARO, McMAHON, THIELE, WEPRIN, HEVESI, AUBRY, BORES, MEEKS, SIMONE, ZINERMAN, BEEPHAN, HYNDMAN, WILLIAMS, CUNNINGHAM, DARLING, FALL, VANEL, DAIS, L. ROSENTHAL, SANTABARBARA, EPSTEIN, FAHY, BARRETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -- recommitted to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to empowering the council on the arts to designate East Harlem as a cultural district

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

Section 1. Section 3.05 of the arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. To promote regions of cultural significance by providing cultural institutions within such regions grants, technical assistance, or other assistance authorized by this section as the council deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, East Harlem, also known as "El Barrio". This region shall be bounded by East 96th Street on the South, 5th Avenue on the West, East 125th Street on the North and the East River on the East. The council may designate additional regions of cultural significance at its discretion but such regions shall be compact, contiguous, and have an identifiable cultural heritage which unites the region.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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