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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. TEDISCO, BORRELLO, MATTERA, MURRAY, OBERACKER, WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the New York state commission on out-migration

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

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section 243 to read as follows:

§ 243. New York state commission on out-migration. 1. There is hereby established in the department a commission to study such lagging population and outward migration in the state of New York.

2. (a) The commission shall consist of thirteen members. Such members shall be appointed within forty-five days after the effective date of this section as follows: three members shall be appointed by the governor; three members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; three members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; and two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(b) Members of the commission shall not be currently elected members of the state of New York legislature and each region of the economic development councils shall be represented by at least one member who resides in such region.

(c) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their business as members of the commission. Reimbursement for such actual and necessary expenses shall be paid out of the funds of the regional economic development council having responsibility for the region in which the commission meets or holds a hearing.

3. (a) The commission shall examine reasons for lagging population in the state of New York and emigration from the state of New York. Such

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

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commission shall examine the reasons for such population loss and emigration, including, but not limited to the following:

(i) affordability;

(ii) housing;

(iii) public safety;

(iv) education; and

(v) economic opportunity.

(b) The commission shall hold at least one public hearing in each region of the economic development councils within a period of twelve months from the effective date of this section.

4. The commission shall make a report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations, not later than ninety days after completion of the public hearings, and shall submit with its report legislative proposals as it deems necessary to implement its recommendations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.