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

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to renaming agency building one, agency building two, agency building three and agency building four, located at the empire state plaza

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

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 4.07 of the arts and cultural affairs law, as added by section 2 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2008, is amended and a new subdivision 12 is added to read as follows:

11. To establish a program, in consultation with the commissioner of general services, for the promotion of the empire state plaza art collection to the public through such means as determined by the commission to be appropriate, including, but not limited to, educational seminars, remote exhibitions, special events and the sale of souvenirs or mementos related to the collection. All receipts of the commission from promotional efforts shall be deposited in a state fiduciary fund, expenditures from which shall be limited to the purposes of the commission set forth in this article[~~.~~]**;**

12. (a) In collaboration with the commissioner of the office of general services, the commission shall make a recommendation to the governor on the naming of agency building one, agency building two, agency building three and agency building four, located at the empire state plaza. The commission shall select from a list of major rivers located in the state of New York, which shall include, but are not limited to:

(i) St. Lawrence river;

(ii) Genesee river;

(iii) Alleghany river;

(iv) Hudson river;

(v) Niagara river;

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

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(vi) Susquehanna river;
(vii) Chenango river;
(viii) Mohawk river;
(ix) East river; and
(x) Harlem river.
(b) The commission shall make a recommendation to the governor which shall consider the historical significance of the major river.
(c) The governor, in accordance with the commission's recommendation, shall determine the names of agency building one, agency building two, agency building three and agency building four, within sixty days after the commission submits their recommendation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effectively immediately, the empire state plaza art commission is authorized to promulgate, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date.