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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:

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

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

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

20 (i) St. Lawrence river;
21 (ii) Genesee river;
22 (iii) Alleghany river;
23 (iv) Hudson river;
24 (v) Niagara river;

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

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1 (vi) Susquehanna river;

2 (vii) Chenango river;

3 (viii) Mohawk river;

4 (ix) East river; and

5 (x) Harlem river.

6 (b) The commission shall make a recommendation to the governor which
7 shall consider the historical significance of the major river.

8 (c) The governor, in accordance with the commission's recommendation,
9 shall determine the names of agency building one, agency building two,
10 agency building three and agency building four, within sixty days after
11 the commission submits their recommendation.

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