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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER, OTIS -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing
certain municipalities to establish an emergency repair pilot program;
and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration there-
of

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 99-aa to read as follows:

3 § 99-aa. Emergency repair pilot program. Subject to appropriation,
4 the secretary of state, with assistance from the division of housing and
5 community renewal, shall establish a pilot program with participating
6 municipalities for an emergency repair program. The secretary of state
7 shall only allow municipalities designated as a city to participate in
8 such pilot program. The emergency repair program shall require a munici-
9 pality that has elected to participate in the program to enact a local
10 law to enable the municipality to repair immediately hazardous code
11 violations in buildings where the owner has not undertaken such repairs
12 in a reasonable time. The municipality shall bill the owner for such
13 repair costs. The department of state, in conjunction with the division
14 of housing and community renewal, shall, as appropriation permits,
15 provide technical assistance to participating municipalities to ensure
16 successful implementation of the local law required pursuant to the
17 pilot program. Additionally, the secretary of state, with assistance
18 from the division of housing and community renewal, shall prepare a
19 model local law that municipalities may adopt to satisfy the local law
20 requirement of the pilot program. Such local law shall be published on
21 the websites of the department of state and the division of housing and
22 community renewal. Furthermore, the secretary of state, in conjunction
23 with the division of housing and community renewal, shall file a report

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

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1 annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the emergency repair pilot
2 program with the legislature and the governor. Such report shall include
3 recommendations as to whether the program shall be continued or modified
4 in any way and the reasons therefor. Nothing in this section shall be
5 applied to a residential dwelling that is owner-occupied or is the
6 primary residence of a homeowner. The secretary of state shall promul-
7 gate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed May 1, 2029.