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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CASHMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT in relation to establishing the Adirondack park affordable housing task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Adirondack  
2 park affordable housing act".

3 § 2. 1. There is hereby established an Adirondack park affordable  
4 housing task force, hereinafter referred to as the "task force", to  
5 conduct a comprehensive review of affordable housing issues within the  
6 Adirondack park and to make recommendations for addressing those issues.  
7 The task force shall consist of 27 members which shall include: the  
8 commissioner of the division of housing and community renewal or their  
9 designee; the commissioner of labor or their designee; the executive  
10 director of the Adirondack park agency or their designee; one represen-  
11 tative from each county which contains a part of the Adirondack park,  
12 appointed by such counties' legislature or board of supervisors; the  
13 president of the Adirondack community housing trust or their designee;  
14 and ten other members to be appointed by the governor as follows: two  
15 upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; two  
16 upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; one upon the  
17 recommendation of the minority leader of the senate; one upon the recom-  
18 mendation of the minority leader of the assembly; and four without  
19 recommendation from any other person.

20 2. Task force members shall receive no compensation for their services  
21 but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
22 the performance of their duties, to the extent funds are appropriated  
23 for such purpose. The commissioner of the division of housing and commu-  
24 nity renewal, or their designee, and the executive director of the  
25 Adirondack park agency, or their designee, shall serve as joint chairs  
26 of the task force. A majority of the members of the task force shall  
27 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or the exercise of

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

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1 any power or function of the task force. Any vacancies on the task force  
2 shall be filled in the manner provided for in the initial appointment.

3 3. The task force shall be authorized to hold public hearings and  
4 meetings, and to consult with any organization, educational institution,  
5 or government entity or person, to enable it to accomplish its duties.  
6 To effectuate the purposes of this act, the task force may request and  
7 shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission  
8 or other agency of the state or any state public authority such assist-  
9 ance, information and data as will enable the task force to properly  
10 carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

11 4. The task force shall undertake a review and assessment of affor-  
12 dable housing within the Adirondack park, including, but not limited to:  
13 the past, current and projected future availability of affordable hous-  
14 ing within the park; the factors causing or contributing to the lack of  
15 affordable housing in the park; and proposed legislative, policy or  
16 other measures that can be implemented to increase the availability of  
17 affordable housing in the park.

18 5. The task force shall prepare and submit to the governor, the tempo-  
19 rary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of  
20 the senate committee on housing, construction and community development  
21 and the chair of the assembly committee on housing, on or before January  
22 1, 2029, a report containing:

23 (a) a definition of what constitutes affordable housing within the  
24 Adirondack park;

25 (b) the past, current and projected future availability of affordable  
26 housing within each county, town, village, hamlet and city in the  
27 Adirondack park;

28 (c) the factors causing or contributing to a lack of affordable hous-  
29 ing within the Adirondack park;

30 (d) recommendations for affordable housing targets for communities in  
31 the Adirondack park; and

32 (e) recommendations for legislative, policy or other measures that can  
33 be implemented by state or local government to increase the availability  
34 of affordable housing in the Adirondack park and the achievement of the  
35 affordable housing targets in paragraph (d) of this subdivision.

36 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
37 deemed repealed December 31, 2029.