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IN SENATE

January 14, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

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 thereof

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

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

§ 99-aa. Emergency repair pilot program. Subject to appropriation, the secretary of state, with assistance from the division of housing and community renewal, shall establish a pilot program with participating municipalities for an emergency repair program. The secretary of state shall only allow municipalities designated as a city to participate in such pilot program. The emergency repair program shall require a municipality that has elected to participate in the program to enact a local law to enable the municipality to repair immediately hazardous code violations in buildings where the owner has not undertaken such repairs in a reasonable time. The municipality shall bill the owner for such repair costs. The department of state, in conjunction with the division of housing and community renewal, shall, as appropriation permits, provide technical assistance to participating municipalities to ensure successful implementation of the local law required pursuant to the pilot program. Additionally, the secretary of state, with assistance from the division of housing and community renewal, shall prepare a model local law that municipalities may adopt to satisfy the local law requirement of the pilot program. Such local law shall be published on the websites of the department of state and the division of housing and community renewal. Furthermore, the secretary of state, in conjunction 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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annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the emergency repair pilot program with the legislature and the governor. Such report shall include recommendations as to whether the program shall be continued or modified in any way and the reasons therefor. Nothing in this section shall be applied to a residential dwelling that is owner-occupied or is the primary residence of a homeowner. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

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