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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. STEC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a commission on hosting the olympic games

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 2611-a to read as follows:

3 § 2611-a. Commission on hosting the olympic games. 1. When used in
4 this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 (a) "commission" shall mean the commission established under this
6 section.

7 (b) "olympics" shall mean the olympic games.

8 2. There is hereby established within the New York state olympic
9 regional development authority a commission on hosting the olympic games
10 which shall consist of thirteen members and shall have and exercise the
11 powers and duties set forth in this section.

12 3. The commission shall consist of thirteen members of whom three
13 shall be appointed by the governor, two each by the speaker of the
14 assembly and the temporary president of the senate, one each by the
15 minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly,
16 and four by the authority. Any vacancy on such commission shall be
17 filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made. Members
18 of the commission shall be residents of the state.

19 4. Members of the commission shall designate a chair from the member-
20 ship thereof for a term of one year. Any member of the commission may
21 call a meeting. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. The commission
22 may meet and hold public and/or private hearings within or without the
23 state, and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant
24 to the legislative law.

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

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1 5. The members of the authority shall not receive a salary or other
2 compensation for their services as members of the commission but each
3 member shall be allowed reimbursement for the necessary and actual
4 expenses which such member shall incur in the performance of their
5 duties under this section.

6 6. The commission shall:

7 (a) determine the feasibility for Lake Placid to host the olympics
8 with a partner municipality;

9 (b) investigate which municipalities could partner with Lake Placid
10 for hosting the olympics;

11 (c) identify the best partner municipality for Lake Placid; and

12 (d) before February first, two thousand twenty-seven, report to the
13 governor and the legislature regarding its findings and recommendations.

14 7. The commission may employ and at pleasure remove such personnel as
15 it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions and fix their
16 compensation within the amounts made available by appropriation thereof,
17 if any, or by donation, if any.

18 8. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the commission shall be
19 authorized and empowered to undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or
20 analyses it may deem relevant through its own personnel or in cooper-
21 ation with or by agreement with any other public or private agency.

22 9. The commission may request and shall receive from any agency in the
23 state and from any subdivision, department, board, bureau, commission,
24 office, agency or other instrumentality of the state or of any political
25 subdivision thereof such facilities, assistance and data as it deems
26 necessary or desirable for the proper execution of its powers and duties
27 and to effectuate the purposes set forth in this section.

28 10. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into
29 any agreements and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary,
30 desirable or proper to carry out the purposes and objectives of this
31 section.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.