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Introduced by Sen. BASKIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing a public online registry of vacant commercial storefronts

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

Section 1. Section 134 of the economic development law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13. (a) in consultation with the secretary of state, maintain a public online registry of vacant commercial storefronts. The online registry shall be designed and promoted to current and prospective small business owners seeking to purchase or lease a vacant storefront for a small business location. The registry shall include, but not be limited to:

i. the address of the vacant commercial storefront;

ii. the contact information of the seller, leasing party, or agent authorized to conduct such transactions for the purchase or renting of the vacant commercial storefront; and

iii. information regarding the property's potential usages.

(b) The division may accept suggested entries to the online registry from state agencies, municipalities, local economic development agencies, and other relevant entities. The division shall have determination of which vacant commercial storefronts are included in the online registry and may consult with other state agencies to verify the information to be included in the online registry and shall promulgate the rules and regulations for collecting and maintaining the requisite data. The registry must be made available within one year after the effective date of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become law.

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

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