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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to enacting the climate relocation planning and preparation act

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 43 to
2 read as follows:

ARTICLE 43

CLIMATE RELOCATION PLANNING AND PREPARATION ACT

Section 930. Short title.

931. Definitions.

932. New York state climate relocation planning and preparation working group.

933. Regional climate relocation planning and preparation.

934. Implementation.

935. Funding.

12 § 930. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as
13 the "climate relocation planning and preparation act".

14 § 931. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms
15 shall have the following meanings:

16 1. "Department" means the department of state.

17 2. "Regional planning council" means a regional planning council
18 established pursuant to section two hundred thirty-nine-h of the general
19 municipal law.

20 3. "Climate relocation" means increased migration and relocation of
21 individuals to more desirable locations due to the impacts of climate
22 change.

23 § 932. New York state climate relocation planning and preparation
24 working group. 1. The department shall establish an interagency "New
25 York state climate relocation planning and preparation working group" to

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

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1 develop a state strategy to help prepare for the possibility of
2 increased in-migration due to climate relocation.

3 2. The state strategy developed under this section shall, at a mini-
4 mum:

5 (a) consider all aspects of state government, including, but not
6 limited to, economic development, education, agricultural production,
7 public health, and water resources and management;

8 (b) identify potential impacts of climate relocation on state
9 resources and services; and

10 (c) make recommendations of actions to be taken by state and local
11 government to prepare for such impacts.

12 3. The working group created by subdivision one of this section shall
13 provide the state strategy developed under this section to the regional
14 planning councils by no later than the first of January, two thousand
15 twenty-seven.

16 § 933. Regional climate relocation planning and preparation. 1. The
17 regional planning councils shall develop regional frameworks to help
18 prepare for the implementation of the state strategy developed under
19 section nine hundred thirty-two of this article and any additional
20 regional strategies identified by such regional planning councils.

21 2. The regional frameworks developed under this section shall, at a
22 minimum:

23 (a) consider regional strengths and areas of improvement to help
24 prepare for the possibility of increased in-migration due to climate
25 relocation;

26 (b) identify potential impacts of climate relocation on regional
27 resources and services;

28 (c) identify and prioritize specific projects and initiatives to reac-
29 tivate or develop regional infrastructure, such as housing, sewer, and
30 other infrastructure already existing in areas that have experienced
31 declining population; and

32 (d) incorporate the state strategy developed under section nine
33 hundred thirty-two of this article, as appropriate for each region.

34 3. The regional planning councils shall complete the regional frame-
35 works developed under this section by no later than the first of Janu-
36 ary, two thousand twenty-eight.

37 § 934. Implementation. The department and regional planning councils
38 shall take such actions as may be necessary to develop and implement the
39 state strategy and regional frameworks required under sections nine
40 hundred thirty-two and nine hundred thirty-three of this article.

41 § 935. Funding. The department and regional planning councils are
42 authorized to seek and accept grants, donations, and other forms of
43 funding to support the development and implementation of the state stra-
44 tegy and regional frameworks required under sections nine hundred thir-
45 ty-two and nine hundred thirty-three of this article.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.