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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to establishing a housing succession rights 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. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 20-a to read as follows:

3 § 20-a. Housing succession rights task force. 1. There is hereby
4 established within the division of housing and community renewal a hous-
5 ing succession rights task force which shall meet at least once annually
6 in different geographical areas of the state. All members shall be
7 provided with notice reasonably in advance of each meeting with date,
8 time and location of such meeting. Task force members may use videocon-
9 ferencing for attendance and participation. The task force shall consist
10 of ten members and shall include representatives from the following
11 state agencies: the division of housing and community renewal, the
12 office for the aging, the department of economic development, and the
13 New York city department of housing preservation and development. Of the
14 six remaining members, two shall be appointed by the speaker of the
15 assembly, two shall be appointed by the temporary president of the
16 senate, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly
17 and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and
18 shall broadly represent housing groups from all geographic areas of the
19 state including service providers, associations, advocates, proprietors,
20 and residents of rent stabilized, public housing and city or municipal
21 owned buildings. Members shall receive no compensation for their
22 services but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually
23 and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The task

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

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1 force shall be chaired by the commissioner of the division of housing
2 and community renewal. The task force is responsible for conducting a
3 state-wide study of succession rights in rent stabilized, public housing
4 and city or municipal owned buildings. The study shall include, but not
5 be limited to, a review of the current approaches to succession rights
6 being implemented in New York city and other municipalities in the
7 state, the impact of such approaches and alternative options for handl-
8 ing such succession rights.

9 2. The task force shall issue a report by the first of January second
10 succeeding the effective date of this section, outlining its findings
11 and recommendations. The report shall be delivered to the governor, the
12 speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the
13 chairperson of the housing committee in the assembly, and the chair-
14 person of the housing committee in the senate.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
16 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed on the first
17 of January third succeeding such date.