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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:

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

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

8 i. the address of the vacant commercial storefront;

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

12 iii. information regarding the property's potential usages.

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

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
23 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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