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Committee Bill No. 6939

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:

(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL CULTURAL DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated
4 town and city or consolidated town and borough; and

5 (2) "Regional service organization" means an organization
6 designated by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
7 Development as a regional provider of arts and cultural leadership for
8 the support of state and municipal economies.

9 (b) Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body and in
10 conformance with the standards and criteria formulated by the
11 Department of Economic and Community Development, establish
12 within its confines a cultural district or districts to promote the
13 educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public
14 through the marketing of arts and culture attractions, the

15 encouragement of artists and artistic and cultural enterprises and the
16 promotion of tourism.

17 (c) In each municipality that establishes a cultural district or districts
18 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, such municipality shall
19 establish a cultural district commission. The legislative body of such
20 municipality, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and
21 Community Development, shall determine the number of members to
22 serve on such commission, the term of such members and the manner
23 in which such members are appointed and in which any vacancy on
24 such commission is to be filled. Subject to the approval of such
25 legislative body, such commission may exercise any power and
26 perform any duty necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying
27 out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, (1)
28 consulting and collaborating with said commissioner and regional
29 service organizations for assistance with marketing, advocacy and
30 other efforts, and (2) applying for or soliciting and accepting any grant,
31 contribution, gift, bequest, devise or other donation from any source.

32 (d) The legislative body of any municipality may make
33 appropriations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this
34 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities to establish cultural districts to encourage economic development and promote tourism.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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