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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6606**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE COME HOME TO DOWNTOWN PROGRAM, THE RENOVATION OF HISTORIC MIXED-USE BUILDINGS IN THE STATE AND OUTDOOR DINING."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic and  
4 Community Development shall conduct a study relating to economic  
5 development issues affecting distressed municipalities and opportunity  
6 zones in the state. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner  
7 shall submit a report on the results of such study to the joint standing  
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
10 of the general statutes.

11 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
12 study any impediments to the renovation of historic mixed-use

13 buildings located in municipalities, including, but not limited to,  
14 distressed municipalities in the state. The task force shall (1) examine  
15 any financing tools that may assist in the renovation of such buildings  
16 and building safety codes that may be impediments to the renovation of  
17 such buildings; and (2) consider whether the state should implement a  
18 small real estate developer training program or a capacity building  
19 program.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

22 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

23 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives;

25 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

26 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
27 Representatives;

28 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
30 or the commissioner's designee;

31 (8) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

32 (9) The Banking Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

33 (10) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the  
34 commissioner's designee; and

35 (11) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

36 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
37 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
38 of the General Assembly.

39 (d) Each member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
 40 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (11) of subsection (b) of this section shall have  
 41 expertise in the architecture of historic properties, construction or  
 42 rehabilitation of historic properties, real estate financing, mortgage  
 43 lending, real estate development, real estate transactions or municipal  
 44 building codes.

45 (e) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
 46 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
 47 be filled by the appointing authority.

48 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
 49 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
 50 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
 51 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
 52 days after the effective date of this section.

53 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce  
 55 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

56 (h) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
 57 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
 58 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 59 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 60 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
 61 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section