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AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to the use of areas in housing authority developments for tenant meetings in common areas

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     61 to read as follows:  
3     S 61. TENANT MEETINGS IN COMMON AREAS. ANY GROUP, COMMITTEE, OR OTHER  
4     ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF TENANTS RESIDING IN HOUSING AUTHORITY DEVELOP-  
5     MENTS CONDUCTING A MEETING AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED  
6     THIRTY OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEET WITHOUT  
7     BEING REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE IN ANY AREA OWNED BY SUCH AUTHORITY WHICH IS  
8     DEVOTED TO THE COMMON USE OF ALL TENANTS. SUCH AREAS SHALL INCLUDE BUT  
9     NOT BE LIMITED TO A COMMUNITY OR SOCIAL ROOM WHERE USE IS NORMALLY  
10    SUBJECT TO A FEE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH MEETING IS CONDUCTED IN A  
11    PEACEFUL MANNER, AT REASONABLE HOURS AND WITHOUT OBSTRUCTING ACCESS TO  
12    THE PREMISES OR FACILITIES. FIVE DAYS' PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF SUCH A  
13    MEETING MUST BE GIVEN TO THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE PROJECT DEVELOP-  
14    MENT. IF SUCH COMMON AREA IS UNAVAILABLE ON THE REQUESTED DAY, THE  
15    MANAGEMENT OFFICE MUST PROVIDE THE GROUP, COMMITTEE OR OTHER ORGANIZA-  
16    TION COMPRISED OF TENANTS WITH ANY TIMES THAT THE COMMON AREA WILL BE  
17    AVAILABLE DURING A FOURTEEN-DAY PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE FIFTH DAY AFTER  
18    WRITTEN NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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