IN SENATE

May 27, 2014

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the collection of rent arrearages accruing prior to the date of approval of an application for an adjustment in the legal regulated rent based upon a major capital improvement

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Section 6 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four is amended by adding a new subdivision h to read as follows:
- H. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, ANY ADJUSTMENT IN THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT BASED UPON A MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION THEREFOR. NO INCREASE MAY BE COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION.
- S 2. Section 26-512 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:
- G. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, ANY ADJUSTMENT IN THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT BASED UPON A MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION THEREFOR. NO INCREASE MAY BE COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION.
 - S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that:

- a. the amendments to section 4 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section one of this act shall expire on the same date as such act expires and shall not affect the expiration of such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974; and
- b. the amendments to section 26-512 of chapter 4 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York made by section two of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided under section 26-520 of such law.

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