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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to creating the tenants' bill of rights

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "tenants'
2 bill of rights".

3 § 2. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 230-a to
4 read as follows:

5 § 230-a. Tenants' bill of rights. 1. Any tenant who occupies a rental
6 property as their primary residence shall have the following rights:

7 (a) the right to premises that are fit for human habitation as
8 provided by the warranty of habitability provided by section two hundred
9 thirty-five-b of this article;

10 (b) the right to form, join or participate in tenants' groups as
11 provided in section two hundred thirty of this article;

12 (c) the right to be evicted only for good cause as provided in section
13 two hundred thirty-one-c of this article;

14 (d) the right to be free from retaliation by landlord against the
15 tenant as provided in section two hundred twenty-three-b of this arti-
16 cle;

17 (e) the right to sublease or assign the tenant's rights to the unit in
18 accordance with the provisions of section two hundred twenty-six-b of
19 this article;

20 (f) the right to notice of rent increase or non-renewal of the resi-
21 dential tenancy as provided in section two hundred twenty-six-c of this
22 article;

23 (g) the right to terminate the lease in accordance with the provisions
24 of section two hundred twenty-seven-a, two hundred twenty-seven-b or two
25 hundred twenty-seven-c of this article;

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

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1 (h) the right to terminate the tenancy as provided in section two
2 hundred thirty-two-a or two hundred thirty-two-b of this article;

3 (i) the right to offset payments made to a utility company against the
4 rent due as provided in section two hundred thirty-five-a of this arti-
5 cle;

6 (j) the right to receive a receipt for the payment of rent as provided
7 in section two hundred thirty-five-a of this article;

8 (k) the right not to utilize an electronic billing and/or payment
9 system as the only method for the payment of rent as provided in section
10 two hundred thirty-five-g of this article; and

11 (l) the rights pertaining to security depositor advance payment of
12 rent as provided in section 7-103, 7-105, 7-107 and/or 7-108 of the
13 general obligations law.

14 2. Subject to the provisions of subdivision three of this section,
15 each landlord renting a residential unit in this state shall:

16 (a) attach a copy of the tenants' bill of rights to each written lease
17 and provide the same to the tenant with the executed lease;

18 (b) provide a copy of the tenants' bill of rights to each tenant
19 entering into an oral lease at the time the tenant agrees to the lease;
20 and

21 (c) for units containing more than six rental units, affix a notice to
22 tenants of the rights described in this section to the front entrance to
23 the rental premises or elsewhere in the building in a location readily
24 available to the tenants.

25 3. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the
26 provisions of this section apply to written and/or oral leases for resi-
27 dential property, including leases for subsidized, rent-regulated or
28 rent stabilized units.

29 (b) The following properties are exempt from the provisions of this
30 section:

31 (i) units in owner occupied buildings with six or fewer units;

32 (ii) units in hotels, motels, rooming houses, unless rent is paid on a
33 monthly basis and such unit is occupied for more than thirty-two days;

34 (iii) school dormitory rooms;

35 (iv) shelters;

36 (v) employees' quarters;

37 (vi) non-residential rental properties; and

38 (vii) owner-occupied co-ops and condominiums.

39 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
40 have become a law.