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Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to the termination of residential lease by victims of domestic violence

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 227-c of the real property law, as added by chapter 694 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Within twenty-five days of such notice, the tenant shall provide documentation demonstrating that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household has been a victim of domestic violence as described in subdivision one of this section. This documentation may include any one or more of the following:

(i) A temporary or final order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(ii) A record, complaint, or report from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency of an act of domestic violence as described in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law or a family offense as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act, or certifying that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household has been subjected to domestic violence;

(iii) A record from a health care provider for treatment related to domestic violence as described in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law or a family offense as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act;

(iv) **Written attestation related to their eligibility as a victim of domestic violence pursuant to section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the**

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

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social services law or a family offense pursuant to section eight hundred twelve of the family court act.

(A) The tenant shall not be required to disclose confidential information or details relating to such person's status as a victim of domestic violence as a condition to terminate the lease.

(B) Further, the tenant shall not be terminated from the lease contingent on a result of arrears accrued in the account.

(C) All information provided by the tenant shall be disposed of no later than thirty days after receiving such information submitted by such person in a manner as to maintain confidentiality of such information;

(v) A written verification from any other qualified third party to whom the tenant, or a member of the tenant's household reported the domestic violence.

(A) "Qualified third party" shall include: any law enforcement officer; employee of a court of the state; attorney, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, registered nurse, therapist, or clinical professional counselor licensed to practice in any state; person employed by a government or non-profit agency or service that advises or provides services to persons regarding domestic violence; or any member of the clergy of a church or religious society or denomination.

(B) Written verification as described herein shall be satisfied by any sworn or notarized statement including the required information.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.