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AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to providing for the establishment of volunteer tenant patrols to perform additional security duties within the New York city housing authority

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

Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 402-b to read as follows:

S 402-B. VOLUNTEER TENANT PATROLS WITHIN THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER, OR ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER IN ITS DISCRETION TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER TENANT PATROL FORCE. SUCH TENANT PATROL FORCE SHALL HAVE SUCH POWER AND DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

(A) PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF DETERMINING AND REDETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR TENANT PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PATROL FORCE;

(B) SEEK MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION BY THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF QUALIFIED TENANTS IN SUCH PATROL FORCE; AND

(C) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF SUCH PATROL FORCE WHEREBY TENANTS PERFORMING A MINIMUM OF FIVE HUNDRED HOURS SERVICE SHALL RECEIVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER ANNUM OR AN ABATEMENT AGAINST RENT TO THE EXTENT OF TEN PERCENT THEREOF, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, AS DETERMINED AT THE OPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL TENANT. THE AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE METHOD OF SERVICE VERIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PAYMENT.

3. THE COST OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING SUCH PATROL FORCE SHALL BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE AUTHORITY.

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

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

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