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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, GLICK, DINOWITZ, COLTON, WRIGHT --  
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. V. LOPEZ -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seven-  
ty-four, in relation to protecting the home of a tenant sought by a  
landlord for personal use; and repealing certain provisions of the  
administrative code of the city of New York and the emergency housing  
rent control law relating to evictions for personal use

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 26-408 of the  
2     administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.  
3     S 2. Subparagraph (b) of paragraph 9 of subdivision c of section  
4     26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.  
5     S 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 5 of chapter 274 of the  
6     laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, is  
7     REPEALED.  
8     S 4. Subdivision a of section 10 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the  
9     laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nine-  
10    teen seventy-four, as amended by chapter 234 of the laws of 1984, is  
11    amended to read as follows:  
12    a. For cities having a population of less than one million and towns  
13    and villages, the state division of housing and community renewal shall  
14    be empowered to implement this act by appropriate regulations. Such  
15    regulations may encompass such speculative or manipulative practices or  
16    renting or leasing practices as the state division of housing and commu-  
17    nity renewal determines constitute or are likely to cause circumvention  
18    of this act. Such regulations shall prohibit practices which are likely  
19    to prevent any person from asserting any right or remedy granted by this  
20    act, including but not limited to retaliatory termination of periodic  
21    tenancies and shall require owners to grant a new one or two year vacan-

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

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1 cy or renewal lease at the option of the tenant, except where a mortgage  
2 or mortgage commitment existing as of the local effective date of this  
3 act provides that the owner shall not grant a one-year lease; and shall  
4 prescribe standards with respect to the terms and conditions of new and  
5 renewal leases, additional rent and such related matters as security  
6 deposits, advance rental payments, the use of escalator clauses in leas-  
7 es and provision for increase in rentals for garages and other ancillary  
8 facilities, so as to insure that the level of rent adjustments author-  
9 ized under this law will not be subverted and made ineffective. [Any] NO  
10 provision of the regulations [permitting] SHALL PERMIT an owner to  
11 refuse to renew a lease on grounds that the owner seeks to recover  
12 possession of the housing accommodation for his OR HER own use [and] OR  
13 occupancy or for the use [and] OR occupancy of his OR HER immediate  
14 family [shall require that an owner demonstrate immediate and compelling  
15 need and shall not apply where a member of the housing accommodation is  
16 sixty-two years of age or older, has been a tenant in a housing accommo-  
17 dation in that building for twenty years or more, or has an impairment  
18 which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological condi-  
19 tions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled  
20 substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and  
21 laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent  
22 and which prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful  
23 employment].

24 S 5. Severability. If any provision of this act, or any application  
25 of any provision of this act, is held to be invalid, that shall not  
26 affect the validity or effectiveness of any other provision of this act,  
27 any other application of any provision of this act, or any other  
28 provision of any law or code amended by this act.

29 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately; and

30 a. shall apply to any tenant in possession of a housing accommodation  
31 at or after the effective date of this act, regardless of whether the  
32 landlord's or owner's application for an order, refusal to renew a  
33 lease, or refusal to extend or renew a tenancy took place before this  
34 act shall have taken effect;

35 b. the repeal of provisions of law made by this act shall not affect  
36 the availability of any right or remedy relating to any housing accommo-  
37 dation where the landlord or owner recovered possession under such  
38 provision prior to the taking effect of this act; and

39 c. the amendments to section 10 of the emergency tenant protection act  
40 of nineteen seventy-four made by section four of this act shall expire  
41 on the same date as such act expires and shall not affect the expiration  
42 of such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of  
43 1974, as amended.

REPEAL NOTE.--The provisions of law proposed to be repealed by this  
act allow a landlord of a rent controlled or rent stabilized apartment  
to evict a tenant where the landlord seeks the apartment for the use and  
occupancy of the landlord or the landlord's immediate family.