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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. KOLB -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to prohibiting smoking on the premises of public housing units

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 223-c to read as follows:

S 223-C. PROHIBITION ON SMOKING. 1. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN OR ON THE GROUNDS OF ANY PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION CLASSIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS A SMOKE-FREE BUILDING. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS IN EXISTENCE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION ARE CLASSIFIED AS SMOKE-FREE BUILDINGS.

2. ANY PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS A SMOKE-FREE BUILDING. SMOKING SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN AND ON THE GROUNDS OF ANY OF THESE ACCOMMODATIONS.

3. ANY VACANCIES IN A PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT THAT HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A SMOKING UNIT SHALL BE RECLASSIFIED AS A SMOKE-FREE UNIT PRIOR TO ANY NEW TENANT TAKING OCCUPANCY. SMOKING SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN ANY OF THESE UNITS.

4. ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CLASSIFY ALL PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS AS SMOKE-FREE BUILDINGS. SMOKING SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN AND ON THE GROUNDS OF ALL PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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