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Introduced by M. of A. MAYERSOHN, ESPAILLAT, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to defining instances of harassment

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

Section 1. Paragraph 10 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

(10) specifically provides that if an owner fails to comply with any order of the commissioner or is found by the commissioner to have harassed a tenant to obtain vacancy of his or her housing accommodation, he or she shall, in addition to being subject to any other penalties or remedies permitted by law, be barred thereafter from applying for or collecting any further rent increase. THE CODE SHALL DEFINE HARASSMENT TO INCLUDE ANY ATTEMPT BY THE OWNER TO INTERFERE WITH A TENANT'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION THROUGH DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT WITH THE TENANT'S EMPLOYER ON MATTERS REGARDING THE TENANCY. The compliance by the owner with the order of the commissioner or the restoration of the tenant subject to harassment to the housing accommodation or compliance with such other remedy as shall be determined by the commissioner to be appropriate shall result in the prospective elimination of such sanctions;

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately provided however that the amendments to paragraph 10 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine made by section one of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided under section 26-520 of such law.

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

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