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Introduced by M. of A. GIANARIS, ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the private housing finance law, in relation to preferences to veterans for rentals and selection of tenants by certain housing companies

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 7 and 7-a of section 31 of the private housing finance law, subdivision 7 as added by chapter 154 of the laws of 1969, the opening paragraph of subdivision seven as amended by chapter 650 of the laws of 1976, paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006 and subdivision 7-a as added by chapter 420 of the laws of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

7. Preference in admission to a project WITH AN OPEN WAITING LIST, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR THE SUPERVISING AGENCY, shall be given by a mutual company or an urban rental company or by the New York state housing finance agency when subleasing dwellings in projects of such companies pursuant to section forty-four-a of this chapter, to persons or surviving spouses of persons who

[(a) have served in the armed forces of the United States for a period of at least six months (or any shorter period which terminated due to death or injury incurred in such service), provided some portion of the period of service was between the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred sixty-one to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five, and

(b) have been thereafter discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or died in such service, not more than five years prior to the time of application for admission to such project.

7-a. Preference in admission to a project with an open waiting list, as determined by the commissioner or the supervising agency, shall be given to disabled] ARE veterans as such term is defined pursuant to section eighty-five of the civil service law. For projects with a closed

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

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list, as determined by the commissioner or the supervising agency, such preference shall be given upon the opening of the waiting list. Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons who are residing in a limited-profit housing project shall be given first priority for an internal transfer in the project in which they are residing in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner or the supervising agency.

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