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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring the provision of the hotel or inn address to customers at the time of their reservation

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 206-f to read as follows:

S 206-F. HOTEL ADDRESS PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION. 1. A CUSTOMER'S HOTEL OR INN RESERVATION SHALL NOT BE LEGALLY BINDING UNLESS THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE HOTEL OR INN IS PROVIDED AT THE TIME THE CUSTOMER IS RESERVING A ROOM.

2. A CUSTOMER SHALL NOT BE BILLED, NOR SHALL THE CUSTOMER BE PENALIZED, AFTER CANCELLING A RESERVATION WHERE THE ADDRESS OF THE HOTEL OR INN WAS NOT PROVIDED AT THE TIME THE CUSTOMER WAS BOOKING THE RESERVATION.

3. THE STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR ANY HOTEL OR INN THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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