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AN ACT to amend the multiple dwelling law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to clarifying certain provisions relating to occupancy of class A multiple dwellings

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

1 Section 1. The multiple dwelling law is amended by adding a new arti-  
2 cle 7-D to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 7-D

4 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

5 SECTION 288. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

6 289. REGISTRATION FEE.

7 290. STANDARD OF OPERATION.

8 291. VIOLATIONS.

9 S 288. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT OWNS OR LEASES A  
10 SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN-A OF SECTION  
11 FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER, AND RENTS SUCH UNIT OUT TO GUESTS FOR FEWER THAN  
12 THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS MUST REGISTER THE UNIT USED AS A SHORT-TERM  
13 RENTAL. THIS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE UNITS  
14 WHICH ARE PROVIDED AS SHORT-TERM RENTALS FOR LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS PER  
15 CALENDAR YEAR. THE REGISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF THE  
16 SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT OR UNITS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SLEEPING ROOMS IN

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

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1 THE UNIT OR UNITS, AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A LOCAL CONTACT PERSON  
2 FOR THE UNIT OR UNITS. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO OWNS  
3 OR LEASES A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TO REGISTER MORE THAN THIRTY SHORT-TERM  
4 RENTAL UNITS.

5 S 289. REGISTRATION FEE. THE REGISTRATION FEE SHALL BE TWO HUNDRED  
6 DOLLARS PER UNIT.

7 S 290. STANDARD OF OPERATION. EACH REGISTRATION SHALL CONTAIN AN  
8 ATTESTATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL COMPLY WITH A STANDARD OF OPERATION  
9 THAT INCLUDES:

10 1. GUEST REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR EACH UNIT MUST BE MAINTAINED, WHICH  
11 CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH GUEST: THE GUEST'S NAME,  
12 ADDRESS, AND DATES OF ACCOMMODATION. THE REGISTRATION RECORDS SHALL BE  
13 KEPT ON FILE FOR THREE YEARS AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

14 2. NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OR PUBLIC NUISANCE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE  
15 PLACE IN THE UNIT.

16 3. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS IN A UNIT SHALL BE NO MORE THAN ONE  
17 PERSON PER ONE HUNDRED SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA. THE OCCUPANCY LIMITA-  
18 TIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION ARE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUMS, AND THE ACTU-  
19 AL ALLOWED CAPACITY SHALL BE BASED ON THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE  
20 BUILDING CODE. NOTICE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALL  
21 GUESTS.

22 4. THE UNIT SHALL BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED BETWEEN GUESTS AND ALL  
23 PERISHABLE FOOD, BEVERAGES AND ALCOHOL SHALL BE THROWN OUT. ALL DISHES,  
24 UTENSILS, POTS, PANS AND OTHER COOKING UTENSILS SHALL BE CLEANED AND  
25 SANITIZED BETWEEN GUESTS.

26 5. THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF A LOCAL CONTACT PERSON AND PROOF OF  
27 REGISTRATION SHALL BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF  
28 THE UNIT.

29 6. WHERE A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT HAS HAD AT LEAST TWO SUBSTANTIATED  
30 COMPLAINTS ISSUED ON IT WHICH LED TO A FINDING OF AT LEAST TWO  
31 VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, REGISTRATION OF THE UNIT, AND ANY OTHER  
32 SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS REGISTERED BY THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE SAME BUILD-  
33 ING, SHALL BE REVOKED.

34 S 291. VIOLATIONS. 1. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS FOUND BY THE DEPARTMENT TO  
35 HAVE VIOLATED ANY REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH FOUR OF PARAGRAPH A OF  
36 SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF SECTION FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER WITH RESPECT TO USE  
37 AND OPERATION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF  
38 NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND  
39 DOLLARS.

40 2. ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT OPERATES WITHOUT REGISTERING AS REQUIRED BY  
41 THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND  
42 DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

43 3. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES ANY FALSE, MISLEADING OR FRAUDULENT STATE-  
44 MENT OR MISREPRESENTS ANY FACT ON THE REGISTRATION, OR USES ANY SCHEME  
45 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVADING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE  
46 SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NOT MORE  
47 THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

48 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 8 of section 4 of the multiple dwell-  
49 ing law is amended by adding two new subparagraphs 3 and 4 to read as  
50 follows:

51 (3) IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING BUILDING OF FOUR OR LESS UNITS, THE  
52 USE OF A UNIT FOR OCCUPANCY OF FEWER THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHALL  
53 NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE OCCUPANCY OF SUCH MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR  
54 PERMANENT RESIDENCE PURPOSES IF THE BUILDING IS OCCUPIED BY ITS OWNER.

55 (4) IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING, THE USE OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL  
56 UNIT FOR OCCUPANCY OF FEWER THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHALL NOT BE

1 INCONSISTENT WITH THE OCCUPANCY OF SUCH MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR PERMANENT  
2 RESIDENCE PURPOSES IF:

3 (A) SUCH DWELLING UNIT DOES NOT PROVIDE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY AS  
4 DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SIXTEEN OF THIS SECTION;

5 (B) SUCH DWELLING UNIT CONTAINS A BATHROOM AND A KITCHEN;

6 (C) SUCH DWELLING UNIT PROVIDES FOR AN EVACUATION DIAGRAM IDENTIFYING  
7 ALL MEANS OF EGRESS FROM THE VACATION RENTAL UNIT AND THE BUILDING IN  
8 WHICH IT IS LOCATED. SUCH EVACUATION DIAGRAM SHALL BE POSTED IN A  
9 CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE INSIDE ENTRANCE DOOR OF EACH VACATION RENTAL  
10 UNIT;

11 (D) SUCH DWELLING UNIT CONTAINS WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS LOCATED IN  
12 EACH ROOM OF THE UNIT;

13 (E) SUCH DWELLING UNIT HAS SUFFICIENT FIRE, HAZARD, AND LIABILITY  
14 INSURANCE TO COVER THOSE PERSONS USING THE UNIT FOR SUCH OCCUPANCY;

15 (F) ALL COMPENSATION RECEIVED FOR RENT, OR FOR HIRE, FOR SUCH DWELLING  
16 UNIT, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPROPRIATE TAXES AND FEES, INCLUDING, BUT  
17 NOT LIMITED TO, TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED BY SECTIONS 1104, 1105, 1107 AND  
18 1109 OF THE TAX LAW, AND SECTION 11-702 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF  
19 THE CITY OF NEW YORK;

20 (G) SUCH DWELLING UNIT IS NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL UNDER  
21 CHAPTER THREE OF TITLE TWENTY-SIX OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY  
22 OF NEW YORK OR RENT STABILIZATION UNDER CHAPTER FOUR OF TITLE TWENTY-SIX  
23 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NOR DOES THE OWNER  
24 OF THE CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING BUILDING IN WHICH THE UNIT IS LOCATED,  
25 RECEIVE A TAX EXEMPTION, CREDIT, REDUCTION OR REFUND PURSUANT TO A  
26 PUBLIC HOUSING OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND

27 (H) THE OWNER OR LEASEHOLDER OF SUCH DWELLING UNIT IS REGISTERED WITH  
28 THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE SEVEN-D OF THIS  
29 CHAPTER EXCEPT WHERE SUCH UNIT IS PROVIDED AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL FOR  
30 LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR.

31 S 3. Section 4 of the multiple dwelling law is amended by adding a new  
32 subdivision 15-a to read as follows:

33 15-A. "SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT" IS A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING UNIT  
34 THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT, OR FOR HIRE, FOR LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS BY  
35 GUESTS.

36 S 4. Subchapter 1 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code  
37 of the city of New York is amended by adding a new article 2 to read as  
38 follows:

39 ARTICLE 2

40 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

41 SECTION 27-2004.1 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

42 27-2004.2 REGISTRATION FEE.

43 27-2004.3 STANDARD OF OPERATION.

44 27-2004.4 VIOLATIONS.

45 S 27-2004.1 REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT OWNS OR LEASES  
46 A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT, AS DEFINED BY PARAGRAPH FOURTEEN-A OF SUBDIVI-  
47 SION A OF SECTION 27-2004 OF THIS SUBCHAPTER, AND RENTS SUCH UNIT OUT TO  
48 GUESTS FOR FEWER THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS MUST REGISTER FOR EVERY  
49 UNIT USED AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL. THIS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT DOES NOT  
50 APPLY TO THOSE UNITS WHICH ARE PROVIDED AS SHORT-TERM RENTALS FOR LESS  
51 THAN THIRTY DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR. THE REGISTRATION SHALL INCLUDE THE  
52 LOCATION OF THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT OR UNITS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
53 SLEEPING ROOMS IN THE UNIT OR UNITS, AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A LOCAL  
54 CONTACT PERSON FOR THE UNIT OR UNITS. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDI-  
55 VIDUAL WHO OWNS OR LEASES A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TO REGISTER MORE THAN  
56 THIRTY SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS.

1 S 27-2004.2 REGISTRATION FEE. THE REGISTRATION FEE SHALL BE TWO  
2 HUNDRED DOLLARS PER UNIT.

3 S 27-2004.3 STANDARD OF OPERATION. EACH REGISTRATION SHALL CONTAIN AN  
4 ATTESTATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WILL COMPLY WITH A STANDARD OF OPERATION  
5 THAT INCLUDES:

6 1. GUEST REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR EACH UNIT MUST BE MAINTAINED, WHICH  
7 CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH GUEST: THE GUEST'S NAME,  
8 ADDRESS, AND DATES OF ACCOMMODATION. THE REGISTRATION RECORDS SHALL BE  
9 KEPT ON FILE FOR THREE YEARS AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

10 2. NO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OR PUBLIC NUISANCE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE  
11 PLACE IN THE UNIT.

12 3. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS IN A UNIT SHALL BE NO MORE THAN ONE  
13 PERSON PER ONE HUNDRED SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA. THE OCCUPANCY LIMITA-  
14 TIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION ARE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUMS, AND THE ACTU-  
15 AL ALLOWED CAPACITY SHALL BE BASED ON THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE  
16 BUILDING CODE. NOTICE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALL  
17 GUESTS.

18 4. THE UNIT SHALL BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED BETWEEN GUESTS AND ALL  
19 PERISHABLE FOOD, BEVERAGES AND ALCOHOL SHALL BE THROWN OUT. ALL DISHES,  
20 UTENSILS, POTS, PANS AND OTHER COOKING UTENSILS SHALL BE CLEANED AND  
21 SANITIZED BETWEEN GUESTS.

22 5. THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF A LOCAL CONTACT PERSON AND PROOF OF  
23 REGISTRATION SHALL BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF  
24 THE UNIT.

25 6. WHERE A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT HAS HAD AT LEAST TWO SUBSTANTIATED  
26 COMPLAINTS ISSUED ON IT WHICH LED TO A FINDING OF AT LEAST TWO  
27 VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, REGISTRATION OF THE UNIT, AND ANY OTHER  
28 SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS REGISTERED BY THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE SAME BUILD-  
29 ING, SHALL BE REVOKED.

30 S 27-2004.4 VIOLATIONS. 1. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS FOUND BY THE DEPART-  
31 MENT TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSE FOUR OF SUBPARAGRAPH  
32 (A) OF PARAGRAPH EIGHT OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION 27-2004 OF THIS CHAP-  
33 TER WITH RESPECT TO USE AND OPERATION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT, SHALL  
34 BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NOT MORE  
35 THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

36 2. ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT OPERATES WITHOUT REGISTERING AS REQUIRED BY  
37 THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND  
38 DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

39 3. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES ANY FALSE, MISLEADING OR FRAUDULENT STATE-  
40 MENT OR MISREPRESENTS ANY FACT ON THE REGISTRATION, OR USES ANY SCHEME  
41 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVADING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE  
42 SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NOT MORE  
43 THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

44 S 5. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 8 of subdivision a of section  
45 27-2004 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
46 adding two new clauses 3 and 4 to read as follows:

47 (3) IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING BUILDING OF FOUR OR LESS UNITS, THE  
48 USE OF A UNIT FOR OCCUPANCY OF FEWER THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHALL  
49 NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE OCCUPANCY OF SUCH MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR  
50 PERMANENT RESIDENCE PURPOSES IF THE BUILDING IS OCCUPIED BY ITS OWNER.

51 (4) IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING, THE USE OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL  
52 UNIT FOR OCCUPANCY OF FEWER THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHALL NOT BE  
53 INCONSISTENT WITH THE OCCUPANCY OF SUCH MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR PERMANENT  
54 RESIDENCE PURPOSES IF:

55 (A) SUCH DWELLING UNIT DOES NOT PROVIDE SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY AS  
56 DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SEVENTEEN OF THIS SECTION;

1 (B) SUCH DWELLING UNIT CONTAINS A BATHROOM AND A KITCHEN;

2 (C) SUCH DWELLING UNIT PROVIDES FOR AN EVACUATION DIAGRAM IDENTIFYING  
3 ALL MEANS OF EGRESS FROM THE VACATION RENTAL UNIT AND THE BUILDING IN  
4 WHICH IT IS LOCATED. SUCH EVACUATION DIAGRAM SHALL BE POSTED IN A  
5 CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE INSIDE ENTRANCE DOOR OF EACH VACATION RENTAL  
6 UNIT;

7 (D) SUCH DWELLING UNIT CONTAINS WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS LOCATED IN  
8 EACH ROOM OF THE UNIT;

9 (E) SUCH DWELLING UNIT HAS SUFFICIENT FIRE, HAZARD, AND LIABILITY  
10 INSURANCE TO COVER THOSE PERSONS USING THE UNIT FOR SUCH OCCUPANCY;

11 (F) ALL COMPENSATION RECEIVED FOR RENT, OR FOR HIRE, FOR SUCH DWELLING  
12 UNIT, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPROPRIATE TAXES AND FEES, INCLUDING, BUT  
13 NOT LIMITED TO, TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED BY SECTIONS 1104, 1105, 1107,  
14 1109 OF PART TWO OF ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE TAX LAW, AND SECTION  
15 11-702 OF CHAPTER SEVEN OF TITLE ELEVEN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF  
16 THE CITY OF NEW YORK;

17 (G) SUCH DWELLING UNIT IS NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL UNDER  
18 CHAPTER THREE OF TITLE TWENTY-SIX OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY  
19 OF NEW YORK OR RENT STABILIZATION UNDER CHAPTER FOUR OF TITLE TWENTY-SIX  
20 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NOR DOES THE OWNER  
21 OF THE CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING BUILDING IN WHICH THE UNIT IS LOCATED,  
22 RECEIVE A TAX EXEMPTION, CREDIT, REDUCTION OR REFUND PURSUANT TO A  
23 PUBLIC HOUSING OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND

24 (H) THE OWNER OR LEASEHOLDER OF SUCH DWELLING UNIT IS REGISTERED WITH  
25 THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE TWO OF THIS  
26 SUBCHAPTER EXCEPT WHERE SUCH UNIT IS PROVIDED AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL FOR  
27 LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR.

28 S 6. Subdivision a of section 27-2004 of the administrative code of  
29 the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph 14-a to read  
30 as follows:

31 14-A. SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT IS A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING UNIT THAT  
32 IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT, OR FOR HIRE, FOR LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS BY GUESTS.

33 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.