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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to outreach, status and time limits relating to the tax abatement program for rent-controlled and rent-regulated property occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 467-b of the real property tax law is amended by
2 adding three new subdivisions 10, 11 and 12 to read as follows:
3 10. AN ENTITY THAT ADMINISTERS THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
4 THIS SECTION SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM THAT DEVELOPS
5 OUTREACH INITIATIVES TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY
6 CRITERIA FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE
7 PROGRAM AND ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TAX ABATE-
8 MENT PROGRAM. SUCH OUTREACH PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE
9 LIMITED TO, MAILINGS, ADVERTISEMENTS, PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS,
10 LITERATURE DISSEMINATION, INTERNET TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA, COMMUNITY
11 OUTREACH, AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER MUNICIPAL ENTITIES AND AGENCIES.
12 AN ENTITY THAT ADMINISTERS THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM MAY CONSULT WITH
13 ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY DEEMED PERTINENT TO DEVELOP THE OUTREACH
14 INITIATIVE.

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

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1 11. ANY MUNICIPALITY THAT ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW, RESOLUTION, OR ORDINANCE
2 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO
3 ALLOW APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS TO ASCERTAIN THE STATUS OF ANY TAX
4 ABATEMENT OR THE STATUS OF ANY FORM THAT HAS BEEN FILED BY SUCH APPLI-
5 CANT OR PARTICIPANT ON THE APPLICANT OR PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF PURSUANT TO
6 THIS SECTION. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT
7 APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS WHOSE PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, WHO
8 MAY HAVE COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS DUE TO PARTIAL OR TOTAL BLINDNESS,
9 DEAFNESS, SPEECH IMPEDIMENT, OR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, AND/OR WHO LACK
10 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET MAY ASCERTAIN SUCH STATUS.

11 12. A. WITHIN TEN DAYS OF RECEIVING ANY FORM FOR APPLICATION, RENEWAL,
12 OR ADJUSTMENT OF ABATEMENT FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, A LETTER
13 ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF SUCH FORM SHALL BE SENT TO THE APPLICANT. SUCH
14 LETTER SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE THE FORM WAS RECEIVED.

15 B. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION OR RENEWAL
16 APPLICATION FROM AN APPLICANT, THE ENTITY THAT ADMINISTERS THE TAX
17 ABATEMENT PROGRAM SHALL APPROVE THE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION
18 FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, DENY THE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICA-
19 TION FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, OR REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION OR
20 DOCUMENTATION FROM THE APPLICANT. IF A REQUEST IS MADE FOR FURTHER
21 INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION, THE ENTITY THAT ADMINISTERS THE TAX ABATE-
22 MENT PROGRAM SHALL HAVE FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER SUCH INFORMATION OR DOCUMEN-
23 TATION REQUESTED IS RECEIVED BY THE ENTITY TO EITHER APPROVE OR DENY THE
24 APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION.

25 C. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF ANY FORM OTHER THAN AN APPLI-
26 CATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM FROM AN APPLICANT, THE ENTITY THAT
27 ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM SHALL ACT ON SUCH FORM.

28 D. WITHIN TEN DAYS OF APPROVING OR REJECTING AN APPLICATION OR RENEWAL
29 APPLICATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION OR ACTING UPON
30 ANY OTHER FORM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH C OF THIS SUBDIVISION, A WRITTEN
31 NOTIFICATION SHALL BE SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE SUCH APPLICATION
32 OR RENEWAL APPLICATION OR SENT SUCH FORM. SUCH WRITTEN NOTIFICATION
33 SHALL INCLUDE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ENTITY ADMINISTERING THE TAX
34 ABATEMENT PROGRAM, THE DATE SUCH ACTION WAS TAKEN, WHAT RECOURSE IS
35 AVAILABLE SHOULD THE INDIVIDUAL BE DISSATISFIED WITH SUCH ACTION, AND
36 HOW TO PURSUE THE RECOURSE AVAILABLE.

37 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that
38 the amendments to section 467-b of the real property tax law made by
39 section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section
40 and shall be deemed to expire therewith.