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## 2013-2014 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, relation to certification of payment of rent by the human resources administration to the tenant

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

Section 1. Title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 10 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10

CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN RENT PAYMENT

SECTION 26-901 CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT.

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- S 26-901 CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT. (A) WHENEVER RENT IS PAID BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION TO A LANDLORD ON BEHALF OF A TENANT IS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THE HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT TO SUCH TENANT, UPON REQUEST BY THE TENANT FOR CERTIFICATION. THE CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT SHALL SET FORTH:
  - (1) THE DATE THE PAYMENT WAS MAILED;
  - (2) THE NAME OF THE LANDLORD TO WHOM THE PAYMENT WAS MAILED;
  - (3) THE ADDRESS TO WHICH PAYMENT WAS MAILED; AND
  - (4) THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT MAILED.
- (B) A REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY THE TENANT PERSON AT THE TENANT'S ASSIGNED HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OR BY THE TENANT OR THE LANDLORD BY TELEPHONE. IF A REQUEST IS MADE PERSON, THE CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TENANT AT THE TENANT'S ASSIGNED HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE NOT 19 MORE THAN TWO DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST IS MADE. IF THE REQUEST IS MADE 20 BY CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT SHALL BE SENT VIA FIRST CLASS 21 THE MAIL TO THE TENANT AT HIS OR HER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS NOT MORE 22 THAN 23 FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST IS MADE. EACH HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINIS-

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

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TRATION OFFICE SHALL DESIGNATE A TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR USE BY TENANTS AND LANDLORDS TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT.

- (C) AT THE TIME OF APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THE HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE THE APPLICANT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF HIS OR HER RIGHT TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE CERTIFICATION OF RENT PAYMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.
- 7 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 8 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the human resources 9 administration shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to 10 effectuate this act prior to such effective date.