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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the independent senior housing resident freedom of choice act

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be referred to  
2 as the "independent senior housing resident freedom of choice act".

3 S 2. Paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 4651 of the public  
4 health law, as added by chapter 2 of the laws of 2004, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (j) independent senior housing, shelters or residences for adults. For  
7 purposes of this article and for purposes of determining certification  
8 pursuant to article seven of the social services law, the department  
9 shall by regulation, define independent senior housing, provided such  
10 definition shall be based on whether the operator does not provide,  
11 arrange for, or coordinate personal care services or home care services  
12 on behalf of residents; and the [facility] OPERATOR does not provide  
13 case management services in a congregate care setting for residents.  
14 Nothing in this chapter shall preclude [a resident of]: (I) ANY inde-  
15 pendent senior housing RESIDENT OR ANY NUMBER OF SUCH RESIDENTS from  
16 personally and directly obtaining [private] personal care or home care  
17 services from [a] ANY licensed [or certified] home care SERVICES agency,  
18 CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY, LONG TERM HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM,  
19 PROGRAMS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY OR OTHER MANAGED LONG  
20 TERM CARE PROGRAM;

21 (II) AN AGENCY OR PROGRAM LICENSED OR APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE  
22 THIRTY-SIX OR SECTION FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED THREE-F OF THIS CHAPTER FROM  
23 OFFERING, ARRANGING FOR OR PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SUCH

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

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1 HOUSING AS SUCH AGENCY IS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER, ARRANGE FOR OR  
2 PROVIDE TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS RESIDING IN THEIR OWN HOME OR  
3 APARTMENT OR IN THE HOME OF ANY OTHER RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE OR ADULT IN  
4 THE COMMUNITY;

5 (III) ANY INDEPENDENT SENIOR HOUSING RESIDENT OR ANY NUMBER OF SUCH  
6 RESIDENTS FROM PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY CHOOSING AND OBTAINING SERVICES  
7 FROM AN APPROPRIATELY LICENSED OR APPROVED AGENCY OR PROGRAM OFFERING  
8 PERSONAL CARE, HOME CARE OR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, OR FROM OBTAINING,  
9 PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY, TECHNOLOGIES THAT ASSIST IN MAINTAINING INDE-  
10 PENDENCE; OR

11 (IV) AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR HOUSING OPERATOR FROM OFFERING ROOM, BOARD,  
12 LAUNDRY, HOUSEKEEPING, INFORMATION AND REFERRAL, SECURITY, TRANSPORTA-  
13 TION OR CONCIERGE-LIKE SERVICES; ASSISTING TENANTS WITH HOUSING ISSUES;  
14 PROVIDING INFORMATION TO TENANTS ABOUT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE  
15 IN THE COMMUNITY; ASSISTING TENANTS WISHING TO DO SO IN CONTACTING SUCH  
16 SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES; AND CONTACTING APPROPRIATE RESPONDERS IN AN  
17 EMERGENCY OR OTHER SITUATION INVOLVING ANY TENANTS THAT APPEARS TO  
18 WARRANT IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, ASSISTANCE OR INTERVENTION.

19 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.