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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI, OTIS, SOLAGES, BRINDISI, RAIA, TEDISCO, GLICK, ROSENTHAL, TITONE, KATZ, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, COOK, McDONOUGH, MILLMAN, RA, SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Housing in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public housing law and the real property law, in relation to discrimination against owners of specific breeds of dog

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

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 223-c to read as follows:
3 S 223-C. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WHO OWN CERTAIN BREEDS OF
4 DOGS. NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED OCCUPANCY IN A DWELLING IN ANY PROJECT
5 OR BE SUBJECTED TO EVICTION FROM ANY SUCH DWELLING ON THE GROUNDS THAT
6 SUCH PERSON OWNS A SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG AND THE DOG RESIDES WITH SUCH
7 PERSON. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE IMPO-
8 SITION OF REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS OR REQUIREMENTS ON THE OWNERSHIP OF
9 DOGS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BREED, OR OWNERSHIP OF DANGEROUS DOGS AS
10 DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND
11 MARKETS LAW.
12 S 2. Article 7 of the real property law is amended by adding a new
13 section 238-a to read as follows:
14 S 238-A. DISCRIMINATION IN LEASES WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC BREED OF
15 DOGS. NO PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION OWNING OR HAVING IN CHARGE ANY
16 APARTMENT HOUSE, TENEMENT HOUSE OR OTHER BUILDING OR MOBILE HOME PARK
17 USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES SHALL RESTRICT A TENANT'S ABILITY TO OWN A

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

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1 SPECIFIC BREED OF DOG. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
2 PROHIBIT THE IMPOSITION OF REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS OR REQUIREMENTS ON
3 THE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BREED, OR OWNERSHIP OF
4 DANGEROUS DOGS AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THE
5 AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.
6 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.