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Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, GOTTFRIED -- read once and  
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AN ACT to amend the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seven-  
ty-four and the administrative code of the city of New York, in  
relation to the rent guidelines board

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision b of section 4 of section 4 of chapter 576 of  
2     the laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of  
3     nineteen seventy-four, as amended by chapter 486 of the laws of 1976,  
4     the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 403 of the laws of 1983 and  
5     the second and third undesignated paragraphs as amended by chapter 330  
6     of the laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:  
7     b. A county rent guidelines board shall establish annually guidelines  
8     for rent adjustments which, at its sole discretion may be varied and  
9     different for and within the several zones and jurisdictions of the  
10    board, and in determining whether rents for housing accommodations as to  
11    which an emergency has been declared pursuant to this act shall be  
12    adjusted, shall consider among other things (1) the economic condition  
13    of the residential real estate industry in the affected area including  
14    such factors as the prevailing and projected (i) real estate taxes and  
15    sewer and water rates, (ii) gross operating maintenance costs (including  
16    insurance rates, governmental fees, cost of fuel and labor costs), (iii)  
17    costs and availability of financing (including effective rates of inter-  
18    est), (iv) over-all supply of housing accommodations and over-all vacan-  
19    cy rates, (2) relevant data from the current and projected cost of  
20    living indices for the affected area, (3) such other data as may be made  
21    available to it. As soon as practicable after its creation and thereaft-  
22    er not later than July first of each year, a rent guidelines board shall

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

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1 file with the state division of housing and community renewal its find-  
2 ings for the preceding calendar year, and shall accompany such findings  
3 with a statement of the maximum rate or rates of rent adjustment, if  
4 any, for one or more classes of accommodation subject to this act,  
5 authorized for leases or other rental agreements commencing during the  
6 next succeeding twelve months. THE MAXIMUM RATE OR RATES OF ADJUSTMENT  
7 SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO PERCENT, OR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PERCENT OF THE RATE  
8 OF INFLATION, WHICHEVER IS LOWER. The standards for rent adjustments may  
9 be applicable for the entire county or may be varied according to such  
10 zones or jurisdictions within such county as the board finds necessary  
11 to achieve the purposes of this subdivision.

12 The standards for rent adjustments established annually shall be  
13 effective for leases commencing on October first of each year and during  
14 the next succeeding twelve months whether or not the board has filed its  
15 findings and statement of the maximum rate or rates of rent adjustment  
16 by July first of each year. If such lease is entered into before such  
17 filing by the board, it may provide for the rent to be adjusted by the  
18 rates then in effect, subject to change by the applicable rates of rent  
19 adjustment when filed, such change to be effective as of the date of the  
20 commencement of the lease. Said lease must provide that, if the new  
21 rates of rent adjustment differ for leases of different terms, the  
22 tenant has the option of changing the original lease term to any other  
23 term for which a rate of rent adjustment is set by the board, with the  
24 rental to be adjusted accordingly.

25 Where a city, town or village shall act to determine the existence of  
26 public emergency pursuant to section three of this act subsequent to the  
27 establishment of annual guidelines for rent adjustments of the accommo-  
28 dations subject to this act, the rent guidelines board as soon as prac-  
29 ticable thereafter shall file its findings and rates of rent adjustment  
30 for leases or other rental agreements for the housing accommodations in  
31 such a city, town or village, which rates shall be effective for leases  
32 or other rental agreements commencing on or after the effective date of  
33 the determination.

34 S 2. Subdivision b of section 26-510 of the administrative code of the  
35 city of New York is amended to read as follows:

36 b. The rent guidelines board shall establish annually guidelines for  
37 rent adjustments, and in determining whether rents for housing accommo-  
38 dations subject to the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen  
39 seventy-four or this law shall be adjusted shall consider, among other  
40 things (1) the economic condition of the residential real estate indus-  
41 try in the affected area including such factors as the prevailing and  
42 projected (i) real estate taxes and sewer and water rates, (ii) gross  
43 operating maintenance costs (including insurance rates, governmental  
44 fees, cost of fuel and labor costs), (iii) costs and availability of  
45 financing (including effective rates of interest), (iv) over-all supply  
46 of housing accommodations and over-all vacancy rates, (2) relevant data  
47 from the current and projected cost of living indices for the affected  
48 area, (3) such other data as may be made available to it. THE MAXIMUM  
49 RATE OR RATES OF ADJUSTMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO PERCENT, OR ONE HUNDRED  
50 TWENTY PERCENT OF THE RATE OF INFLATION, WHICHEVER IS LOWER. Not later  
51 than July first of each year, the rent guidelines board shall file with  
52 the city clerk its findings for the preceding calendar year, and shall  
53 accompany such findings with a statement of the maximum rate or rates of  
54 rent adjustment, if any, for one or more classes of accommodations  
55 subject to this law, authorized for leases or other rental agreements  
56 commencing on the next succeeding October first or within the twelve

1 months thereafter. Such findings and statement shall be published in the  
2 City Record.  
3 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
4 the amendment to section 4 of the emergency tenant protection act of  
5 nineteen seventy-four made by section one of this act shall expire on  
6 the same date as such act expires and shall not affect the expiration of  
7 such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974,  
8 as amended; and provided further, that the amendments to section 26-510  
9 of the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine made by  
10 section two of this act shall expire on the same date as such law  
11 expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided  
12 under section 26-520 of such law.