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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to senior citizens and disabled persons

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivi-
2 sion 2-a of section 352-e of the general business law, as added by chap-
3 ter 771 of the laws of 1983, are amended to read as follows:

4 (iii) "Eligible senior citizens". Non-purchasing tenants who are
5 sixty-two years of age or older on the date the attorney general has
6 accepted the plan for filing, and the spouses of any such tenants on
7 such date, [and who have elected] OR ANY MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSE-
8 HOLD, LAWFULLY OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE WHO IS
9 SIXTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON SUCH DATE, PROVIDED, IN THE CASE OF A
10 TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THAT HE OR SHE HAS LIVED IN THE HOUSING
11 ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN ONE
12 YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE. THE TENANT MUST ELECT, within sixty days of
13 the date the attorney general has accepted the plan for filing, on forms
14 promulgated by the attorney general and presented to such tenants by the
15 offeror, to become non-purchasing tenants under the provisions of this
16 subdivision; provided that such election shall not preclude any such
17 tenant from subsequently purchasing the dwelling unit on the terms then
18 offered to tenants in occupancy.

19 (iv) "Eligible disabled persons". Non-purchasing tenants who have an
20 impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological
21 conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled
22 substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and
23 laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent

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

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1 and which [prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful
2 employment] SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES on the
3 date the attorney general has accepted the plan for filing, and the
4 spouses of any such tenants on such date, [and who have elected] OR ANY
5 MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD, LAWFULLY OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS
6 OR HER RESIDENCE, WHO HAS SUCH AN IMPAIRMENT ON SUCH DATE, PROVIDED, IN
7 THE CASE OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THAT HE OR SHE HAS LIVED IN
8 THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF NO
9 LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE. THE TENANT MUST ELECT, within
10 sixty days of the date the attorney general has accepted the plan for
11 filing, on forms promulgated by the attorney general and presented to
12 such tenants by the offeror, to become non-purchasing tenants under the
13 provisions of this subdivision; provided, however, that if the disabili-
14 ty first occurs after acceptance of the plan for filing, then such
15 election may be made within sixty days following the onset of such disa-
16 bility unless during the period subsequent to sixty days following the
17 acceptance of the plan for filing but prior to such election, the offe-
18 ror accepts a written agreement to purchase the apartment from a bona
19 fide purchaser; and provided further that such election shall not
20 preclude any such tenant from subsequently purchasing the dwelling unit
21 or the shares allocated thereto on the terms then offered to tenants in
22 occupancy.

23 S 2. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subdivision 1 of section 352-eee of the
24 general business law, as added by chapter 402 of the laws of 1983, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (f) "Eligible senior citizens". Non-purchasing tenants who are sixty-
27 two years of age or older on the date the plan is declared effective and
28 the spouses of any such tenants on such date; [provided that] OR ANY
29 MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD, LAWFULLY OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS
30 OR HER RESIDENCE WHO IS SIXTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON SUCH DATE,
31 PROVIDED, IN THE CASE OF A TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THAT HE OR SHE HAS
32 LIVED IN THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD
33 OF NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE such tenant shall not be
34 precluded from subsequently purchasing the dwelling unit on the terms
35 then offered to tenants in occupancy.

36 (g) "Eligible disabled persons". Non-purchasing tenants who have an
37 impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological
38 conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled
39 substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and
40 laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent
41 and which [prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful
42 employment] SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES on the
43 date the attorney general has accepted the plan for filing, and the
44 spouses of any such tenants on such date, [and who have elected] OR ANY
45 MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD, LAWFULLY OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS
46 OR HER RESIDENCE WHO HAS SUCH AN IMPAIRMENT ON SUCH DATE, PROVIDED, IN
47 THE CASE OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THAT HE OR SHE HAS LIVED IN
48 THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF NO
49 LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE. THE TENANT MUST ELECT, within
50 sixty days of the date the attorney general has accepted the plan for
51 filing, on forms promulgated by the attorney general and presented to
52 such tenants by the offeror, to become non-purchasing tenants under the
53 provisions of this section; provided, however, that if the disability
54 first occurs after acceptance of the plan for filing, then such election
55 may be made within sixty days following the onset of such disability
56 unless during the period subsequent to sixty days following the accept-

1 ance of the plan for filing but prior to such election, the offeror
2 accepts a written agreement to purchase the apartment from a bona fide
3 purchaser; and provided further that such election shall not preclude
4 any such tenant from subsequently purchasing the dwelling unit or the
5 shares allocated thereto on the terms then offered to tenants in occu-
6 pancy.

7 S 3. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subdivision 1 of section 352-eeee of
8 the general business law, as added by chapter 555 of the laws of 1982,
9 are amended to read as follows:

10 (f) "Eligible senior citizens". Non-purchasing tenants who are sixty-
11 two years of age or older on the date the attorney general has accepted
12 the plan for filing, and the spouses of any such tenants on such date,
13 [and who have elected] OR ANY MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD, LAWFULLY
14 OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE WHO IS SIXTY-TWO YEARS OF
15 AGE OR OLDER ON SUCH DATE, PROVIDED, IN THE CASE OF A TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD
16 MEMBER, THAT HE OR SHE HAS LIVED IN THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR
17 HER RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE.
18 THE TENANT MUST ELECT, within sixty days of the date the attorney gener-
19 al has accepted the plan for filing, on forms promulgated by the attor-
20 ney general and presented to such tenants by the offeror, to become
21 non-purchasing tenants under the provisions of this section; provided
22 that such election shall not preclude any such tenant from subsequently
23 purchasing the dwelling unit on the terms then offered to tenants in
24 occupancy.

25 (g) "Eligible disabled persons". Non-purchasing tenants who have an
26 impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological
27 conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled
28 substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and
29 laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent
30 and which [prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful
31 employment] ARE EXPECTED TO BE PERMANENT AND WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT
32 ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES on the date the attorney general has
33 accepted the plan for filing, and the spouses of any such tenants on
34 such date, [and who have elected] OR ANY MEMBER OF THE TENANT'S HOUSE-
35 HOLD, LAWFULLY OCCUPYING THE PREMISES AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE ON SUCH
36 DATE, PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF A TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THAT HE OR
37 SHE HAS LIVED IN THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AS HIS OR HER RESIDENCE FOR A
38 PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRECEDING SUCH DATE. THE TENANT MUST
39 ELECT, within sixty days of the date the attorney general has accepted
40 the plan for filing, on forms promulgated by the attorney general and
41 presented to such tenants by the offeror, to become non-purchasing
42 tenants under the provisions of this section; provided, however, that if
43 the disability first occurs after acceptance of the plan for filing,
44 then such election may be made within sixty days following the onset of
45 such disability unless during the period subsequent to sixty days
46 following the acceptance of the plan for filing but prior to such
47 election, the offeror accepts a written agreement to purchase the apart-
48 ment from a bona fide purchaser; and provided further that such election
49 shall not preclude any such tenant from subsequently purchasing the
50 dwelling unit or the shares allocated thereto on the terms then offered
51 to tenants in occupancy.

52 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-
53 ments to sections 352-eee and 352-eeee of the general business law made
54 by sections two and three of this act shall not affect the expiration of
55 such sections and shall be deemed to expire therewith.