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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation of rents

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a-2) of section 10 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, as amended by section 13 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(a-2) Provides that where the amount of rent charged to and paid by the tenant is less than the legal regulated rent for the housing accommodation, the amount of rent for such housing accommodation which may be charged [upon renewal or] upon vacancy thereof may, at the option of the owner, be based upon such previously established legal regulated rent, as adjusted by [the most recent] ALL applicable guidelines increases and other increases authorized by law; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH VACANCY SHALL NOT BE CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER OR AN AGENT OF THE OWNER, TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE-B OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW. Where, subsequent to vacancy, such legal regulated rent, as adjusted by the most recent applicable guidelines increases and any other increases authorized by law is two thousand dollars or more per month or, for any housing accommodation which is or becomes vacant on or after the effective date of the rent act of 2011, is two thousand five hundred dollars or more per month, such housing accommodation shall be excluded from the provisions of this act pursuant to paragraph thirteen of subdivision a of section five of this act.

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

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S 2. Paragraph 14 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by section 14 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(14) provides that where the amount of rent charged to and paid by the tenant is less than the legal regulated rent for the housing accommodation, the amount of rent for such housing accommodation which may be charged [upon renewal or] upon vacancy thereof may, at the option of the owner, be based upon such previously established legal regulated rent, as adjusted by the most recent applicable guidelines increases and any other increases authorized by law; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH VACANCY SHALL NOT BE CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER OR AN AGENT OF THE OWNER, TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE-B OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW. Where, subsequent to vacancy, such legal regulated rent, as adjusted by [the most recent] ALL applicable guidelines increases and any other increases authorized by law is two thousand dollars or more per month or, for any housing accommodation which is or becomes vacant on or after the effective date of the rent act of 2011, is two thousand five hundred dollars or more per month, such housing accommodation shall be excluded from the provisions of this law pursuant to section 26-504.2 of this chapter.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to section 10 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section one of this act shall expire on the same date as such act expires and shall not affect the expiration of such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974; and provided, further, that the amendments to section 26-511 of the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine made by section two of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided under section 26-520 of such law.