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AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four and the emergency housing rent control law, in relation to recovery of certain housing accommodations by a landlord (Part A); to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, in relation to limiting rent increase after vacancy of a housing accommodation (Part B); to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, in relation to the declaration of emergencies for certain rental housing accommodations (Part C); to amend the local emergency housing rent control act, in relation to rent regulation laws (Part D); to amend chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 amending the emergency housing rent control law relating to the control of and stabilization of rent in certain cases, the emergency housing rent control law, chapter 329 of the laws of 1963 amending the emergency housing rent control law relating to recontrol of rents in Albany, chapter 555 of the laws of 1982 amending the general business law and the administrative code of the city of New York relating to conversion of residential property to cooperative or condominium ownership in the city of New York, chapter 402 of the laws 1983 amending the general business law relating to conversion of rental residential property to cooperative or condominium ownership in certain municipalities in the counties of Nassau, Westchester and Rockland and the rent regulation reform act of 1997, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof (Part E); to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, and the emergency housing rent control law, in relation to adjustment of maximum allowable rent (Part F); to repeal paragraph 13 of subdivision a of section 5 of section 4 of

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

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chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, paragraph (n) of subdivision 2 of section 2 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, and section 26-504.2 and subparagraph (k) of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 26-403 of administrative code of the city of New York, relating to vacancy decontrol (Part G); 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 (Part H); to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, in relation to hardship applications (Part I); to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four and the emergency housing rent control law, in relation to extending the length of time over which major capital improvement expenses may be recovered (Part J); to amend the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, in relation to the declaration of housing emergencies for rental housing accommodations located in buildings owned by certain limited-profit housing companies (Part K); and to amend the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, the emergency housing rent control law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to deregulation thresholds (Part L)

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

Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation related to rent regulations in the state of New York. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as Parts A through L. The effective date for each particular provision contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including the effective date of the Part, which makes reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

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Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 26-408 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

(1) The landlord seeks in good faith to recover possession of a housing accommodation because of immediate and compelling necessity for his or her own personal use and occupancy AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESIDENCE or for the use and occupancy of his or her immediate family AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE provided, however, that this subdivision shall PERMIT RECOVERY OF ONLY ONE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AND SHALL not apply where a member of the household lawfully occupying the housing accommodation is sixty-two years of age or older, has been a tenant in a housing accommodation in that building for twenty years or more, or has an impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and

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laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent and which prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful employment; or

- S 2. Subparagraph (b) of paragraph 9 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) where he or she seeks to recover possession of one [or more] 8 dwelling [units] UNIT BECAUSE OF IMMEDIATE AND COMPELLING NECESSITY for 9 his or her own personal use and occupancy as his or her primary resi-10 dence [in the city of New York and/or] OR for the use and occupancy of a 11 member of his or her immediate family as his or her primary residence [in the city of New York], provided however, that this subparagraph 12 shall PERMIT RECOVERY OF ONLY ONE DWELLING UNIT AND SHALL not apply 13 14 where a tenant or the spouse of a tenant lawfully occupying the dwelling 15 unit is sixty-two years of age or older, HAS BEEN A TENANT IN A DWELLING UNIT IN THAT BUILDING FOR TWENTY YEARS OR MORE, or has an impairment 16 17 which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological condiother than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled 18 19 substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical 20 laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent 21 which prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful employment, unless such owner offers to provide and if 22 provides an equivalent or superior housing accommodation at the same or 23 24 lower stabilized rent in a closely proximate area. The provisions of 25 this subparagraph shall only permit one of the individual owners of any 26 building to recover possession of one [or more] dwelling [units] for his or her own personal use and/or for that of his or her immediate family. [Any] A dwelling unit recovered by an owner pursuant to this 27 28 29 subparagraph shall not for a period of three years be rented, leased, 30 subleased or assigned to any person other than a person for whose benefit recovery of the dwelling unit is permitted pursuant to this subpara-31 32 graph or to the tenant in occupancy at the time of recovery under the 33 same terms as the original lease. This subparagraph shall not be deemed 34 to establish or eliminate any claim that the former tenant of the dwell-35 ing unit may otherwise have against the owner. Any such rental, lease, sublease or assignment during such period to any other person may be 36 subject to a penalty of a forfeiture of the right to any increases in 37 residential rents in such building for a period of three years; or 38
 - S 3. Subdivision a 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 chapter 234 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:
 - a. For cities having a population of less than one million and towns and villages, the state division of housing and community renewal shall be empowered to implement this act by appropriate regulations. Such regulations may encompass such speculative or manipulative practices or renting or leasing practices as the state division of housing and community renewal determines constitute or are likely to cause circumvention of this act. Such regulations shall prohibit practices which are likely to prevent any person from asserting any right or remedy granted by this act, including but not limited to retaliatory termination of periodic tenancies and shall require owners to grant a new one or two year vacancy or renewal lease at the option of the tenant, except where a mortgage or mortgage commitment existing as of the local effective date of this act provides that the owner shall not grant a one-year lease; and shall prescribe standards with respect to the terms and conditions of new and

renewal leases, additional rent and such related matters as security deposits, advance rental payments, the use of escalator clauses in leases and provision for increase in rentals for garages and other ancillary facilities, so as to insure that the level of rent adjustments authorized under this law will not be subverted and made ineffective. provision of the regulations permitting an owner to refuse to renew a lease on grounds that the owner seeks to recover possession of housing accommodation for his OR HER own use and occupancy or for the use and occupancy of his OR HER immediate family shall PERMIT RECOVERY ONLY ONE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION, SHALL require that an owner demonstrate immediate and compelling need AND THAT THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION PROPOSED OCCUPANTS' PRIMARY RESIDENCE and shall not apply THE where a member of the housing accommodation is sixty-two years of age or older, has been a tenant in a housing accommodation in that building for twenty years or more, or has an impairment which results from anatom-ical, physiological or psychological conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent and which prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful employment.

- S 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 5 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by chapter 234 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) the landlord seeks in good faith to recover possession of A housing [accommodations] ACCOMMODATION because of immediate and compelling necessity for his OR HER own personal use and occupancy AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESIDENCE or for the use and occupancy of his OR HER immediate family AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE; provided, however, this subdivision shall PERMIT RECOVERY OF ONLY ONE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AND SHALL not apply where a member of the household lawfully occupying the housing accommodation is sixty-two years of age or older, has been a tenant in a housing accommodation in that building for twenty years or more, or has an impairment which results from anatomical, physiological or psychological conditions, other than addiction to alcohol, gambling, or any controlled substance, which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques, and which are expected to be permanent and which prevent the tenant from engaging in any substantial gainful employment; or
- S 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any tenant in possession at or after the time it takes effect, regardless of whether the landlord's application for an order, refusal to renew a lease or refusal to extend or renew a tenancy took place before this act shall have taken effect, provided that:
- a. the amendments to section 26-408 of the city rent and rehabilitation law made by section one of this act shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues, as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local emergency housing rent control act;
- b. 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;
- c. the amendments to subdivision a of section 10 of section 4 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section

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three 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

d. the amendments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 5 of the emergency housing rent control law made by section four of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946.

9 PART B

Section 1. Paragraph 5-a of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the 10 administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by section 7 of 11 part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: 12 13 (5-a) provides that, notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the legal regulated rent for any vacancy lease entered into after the 14 15 effective date of this paragraph shall be as hereinafter provided in 16 this paragraph. The previous legal regulated rent for such housing 17 accommodation shall be increased by the following: (i) if the vacancy lease is for a term of two years, [twenty] TEN percent of the previous legal regulated rent; or (ii) if the vacancy lease is for a term of one 18 19 20 year the increase shall be [twenty] TEN percent of the previous legal regulated rent less an amount equal to the difference between (a) the 21 two year renewal lease guideline promulgated by the guidelines board of 22 23 the city of New York applied to the previous legal regulated rent and (b) the one year renewal lease guideline promulgated by the guidelines 24 board of the city of New York applied to the previous legal regulated 25 rent. In addition, if the legal regulated rent was not increased with 26 27 respect to such housing accommodation by a permanent vacancy allowance 28 within eight years prior to a vacancy lease executed on or after the effective date of this paragraph, the legal regulated rent may be 29 30 further increased by an amount equal to the product resulting from 31 multiplying such previous legal regulated rent by six-tenths of one percent and further multiplying the amount of rent increase resulting therefrom by the greater of (A) the number of years since the imposition 32 33 34 last permanent vacancy allowance, or (B) if the rent was not 35 increased by a permanent vacancy allowance since the housing accommo-36 dation became subject to this chapter, the number of years that such housing accommodation has been subject to this chapter. Provided that if 37 38 the previous legal regulated rent was less than three hundred dollars 39 the total increase shall be as calculated above plus one hundred dollars month. Provided, further, that if the previous legal regulated rent 40 was at least three hundred dollars and no more than five hundred dollars 41 in no event shall the total increase pursuant to this paragraph be less 43 than one hundred dollars per month. Such increase shall be in lieu of any allowance authorized for the one or two year renewal component ther-44 eof, but shall be in addition to any other increases authorized pursuant 45 to this chapter including an adjustment based upon a major capital improvement, or a substantial modification or increase of dwelling space 46 47 48 services, or installation of new equipment or improvements or new 49 furniture or furnishings provided in or to the housing accommodation pursuant to this section. The increase authorized in this paragraph may 50 not be implemented more than one time in any calendar year, notwith-51 52 standing the number of vacancy leases entered into in such year.

S 2. Subdivision (a-1) 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 8 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 provides that, notwithstanding any provision of this act, the legal regulated rent for any vacancy lease entered into after the effective date of this subdivision shall be as hereinafter set forth. 6 previous legal regulated rent for such housing accommodation shall be 7 increased by the following: (i) if the vacancy lease is for a term of 8 two years, [twenty] TEN percent of the previous legal regulated rent; or 9 (ii) if the vacancy lease is for a term of one year the increase shall 10 be [twenty] TEN percent of the previous legal regulated rent 11 to the difference between (a) the two year renewal lease amount equal 12 quideline promulgated by the quidelines board of the county in which the housing accommodation is located applied to the previous legal regulated 13 14 rent and (b) the one year renewal lease guideline promulgated by the 15 guidelines board of the county in which the housing accommodation is 16 located applied to the previous legal regulated rent. In addition, 17 legal regulated rent was not increased with respect to such housing 18 accommodation by a permanent vacancy allowance within eight years prior 19 to a vacancy lease executed on or after the effective date of this subdivision, the legal regulated rent may be further increased by 20 21 amount equal to the product resulting from multiplying such previous 22 legal regulated rent by six-tenths of one percent and further multiply-23 the amount of rent increase resulting therefrom by the greater of 24 (A) the number of years since the imposition of the last permanent 25 vacancy allowance, or (B) if the rent was not increased by a permanent 26 vacancy allowance since the housing accommodation became subject to this act, the number of years that such housing accommodation has been subject to this act. Provided that if the previous legal regulated rent 27 28 29 was less than three hundred dollars the total increase shall be as calculated above plus one hundred dollars per month. Provided, further, 30 that if the previous legal regulated rent was at least three hundred 31 32 dollars and no more than five hundred dollars in no event shall the 33 total increase pursuant to this subdivision be less than one hundred 34 dollars per month. Such increase shall be in lieu of any allowance 35 authorized for the one or two year renewal component thereof, but addition to any other increases authorized pursuant to this act 36 37 including an adjustment based upon a major capital improvement, or a substantial modification or increase of dwelling space or services, or 38 39 installation of new equipment or improvements or new furniture or 40 furnishings provided in or to the housing accommodation pursuant to section six of this act. The increase authorized in this subdivision 41 may not be implemented more than one time in any calendar year, notwith-42 43 standing the number of vacancy leases entered into in such year. 44

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that

the amendments to section 26-511 of the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine made by section one 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; and

b. the amendments to section 4 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section two 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.

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Section 1. Subdivision a of section 26-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subparagraph (f) of paragraph 1 as amended by chapter 422 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

Class A multiple dwellings not owned as a cooperative or as a condominium, except as provided in section three hundred fifty-two-eeee 5 6 the general business law, containing six or more dwelling units 7 (1) were completed after February first, nineteen hundred 8 forty-seven, except dwelling units (a) owned or leased by, or financed 9 by loans from, a public agency or public benefit corporation, 10 subject to rent regulation under the private housing finance law or any 11 other state law, (c) aided by government insurance under any provision the national housing act, to the extent this chapter or any regu-12 13 lation or order issued thereunder is inconsistent therewith, 14 a building for which a certificate of occupancy is obtained 15 after March tenth, nineteen hundred sixty-nine[;], or (e) any class A 16 multiple dwelling which on June first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight was and still is commonly regarded as a hotel, transient hotel or residen-17 18 tial hotel, and which customarily provides hotel service such as maid 19 service, furnishing and laundering of linen, telephone and bell boy 20 service, secretarial or desk service and use and upkeep of furniture and 21 fixtures, or (f) not occupied by the tenant, not including subtenants or 22 occupants, as his or her primary residence, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, provided, however that no action or proceeding 23 24 shall be commenced seeking to recover possession on the ground that a 25 housing accommodation is not occupied by the tenant as his or her prima-26 ry residence unless the owner or lessor shall have given thirty days 27 notice to the tenant of his or her intention to commence such action or 28 proceeding on such grounds. For the purposes of determining primary 29 residency, a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, as defined in 30 section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law, who has left the unit because of such violence, and who asserts an intent to 31 32 return to the housing accommodation shall be deemed to be occupying the 33 unit as his or her primary residence. For the purposes of this subpara-34 graph where a housing accommodation is rented to a not-for-profit hospi-35 tal for residential use, affiliated subtenants authorized to use accommodations by such hospital shall be deemed to be tenants, or (g) 36 37 became vacant on or after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred seventy-one, or become vacant, provided however, that this exemption shall not apply or become effective with respect to housing accommodations which the 38 39 40 commissioner determines or finds became vacant because the landlord or any person acting on his or her behalf, with intent to cause the tenant 41 to vacate, engaged in any course of conduct (including but not limited 42 43 to, interruption or discontinuance of essential services) which inter-44 fered with or disturbed or was intended to interfere with or disturb the 45 comfort, repose, peace or quiet of the tenant in his or her use or occupancy of the housing accommodations and provided further that any hous-46 47 ing accommodations exempted by this paragraph shall be subject 48 law to the extent provided in subdivision b of this section; or (2) were decontrolled by the city rent agency pursuant to section 26-414 of this title; or (3) are exempt from control by virtue of item one, two, six or 49 50 51 seven of subparagraph (i) of paragraph two of subdivision e of of this title; OR (4) WERE COVERED BY A PROJECT BASED ASSISTANCE 52 CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSING 53 OF 54 WHICH CONTRACT IS NO LONGER ΙN EFFECT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE 55 PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (D) OR (G) OF PARAGRAPH ONE OF THIS 56 SION OR PARAGRAPH FIVE OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION FIVE OF SECTION FOUR

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OF THE EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF NINETEEN SEVENTY-FOUR PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT ANY DWELLING UNIT WHICH BECOMES SUBJECT TO THIS LAW PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION 26-513 OF THIS CHAPTER; and

- S 2. Section 5 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:
- C. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH FIVE OF SUBDIVISION THIS SECTION BUT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE EXCEPTIONS IN SUCH SUBDIVISION, NOTHING SHALL PREVENT THE DECLARATION OF AN PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE OF SECTION FOUR OF THIS ACT FOR RENTAL HOUSING LOCATED IN A BUILDING ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH WAS COVERED BY A PROJECT BASED ASSISTANCE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937 WHICH CONTRACT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT ANY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION WHICH BECOMES SUBJECT TO THIS ACT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION NINE OF SECTION FOUR OF THIS ACT.
- S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all buildings which are covered by a project based assistance contract pursuant to section eight of the United States housing act of 1937 which contract ceased to be effective on or after such date; provided, however, that
- a. the amendment to subdivision a of section 26-504 of the administrative code of the city of New York made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section pursuant to section 26-520 of such code and shall expire therewith; and
- b. the amendment to section 5 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974, as amended, and shall expire therewith.

31 PART D

- Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 1 of chapter 21 of the laws of 1962, constituting the local emergency housing rent control act, as amended by chapter 82 of the laws of 2003 and the closing paragraph as amended by chapter 422 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- 37 5. Authority for local rent control legislation. Each city having a 38 population of one million or more, acting through its local legislative body, may adopt and amend local laws or ordinances in respect of the 39 establishment or designation of a city housing rent agency. 40 41 deems such action to be desirable or necessitated by local conditions in order to carry out the purposes of this section, such city, except as 43 hereinafter provided, acting through its local legislative body and not otherwise, may adopt and amend local laws or ordinances in respect of 44 45 the regulation and control of residential rents, including but not limited to provision for the establishment and adjustment of maximum 46 rents, the classification of housing accommodations, the regulation of 47 evictions, and the enforcement of such local laws or ordinances. The 48 validity of any such local laws or ordinances, and the rules or regu-49 lations promulgated in accordance therewith, shall not be affected by 50 and need not be consistent with the state emergency housing rent control 51 52 law or with rules and regulations of the state division of housing 53 community renewal.

Notwithstanding any local law or ordinance, housing accommodations which became vacant on or after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-one or which hereafter become vacant shall be subject to the provisions of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, provided, that this provision shall not apply or become effective with respect to housing accommodations which, by local law or ordinance, made directly subject to regulation and control by a city housing rent agency and such agency determines or finds that the housing accommodations became vacant because the landlord or any person acting on his behalf, with intent to cause the tenant to vacate, engaged in any course of conduct (including but not limited to, interruption or discontinuance services) which interfered with or disturbed or was of essential interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or intended to quiet of the tenant in his use or occupancy of the housing accommo-dations. The removal of any housing accommodation from regulation and control of rents pursuant to the vacancy exemption provided for in this paragraph shall not constitute or operate as a ground for the subjection to more stringent regulation and control of any housing accommodation in such property or in any other property owned by the same landlord, notwithstanding any prior agreement to the contrary by the landlord. The vacancy exemption provided for in this paragraph shall not arise with respect to any rented plot or parcel of land otherwise subject to the provisions of this act, by reason of a transfer of title and possession occurring on or after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-one of a dwelling located on such plot or parcel and owned by the tenant such transfer of title and possession is made to a member of the tenant's immediate family provided that the member of the tenant's imme-diate family occupies the dwelling with the tenant prior to the transfer of title and possession for a continuous period of two years.

The term "immediate family" shall include a husband, wife, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, father, mother, father-in-law or mother-in-law.

[Notwithstanding the foregoing, no local law or ordinance shall hereafter provide for the regulation and control of residential rents and eviction in respect of any housing accommodations which are (1) presently exempt from such regulation and control or (2) hereafter decontrolled either by operation of law or by a city housing rent agency, by order or otherwise. No housing accommodations presently subject to regulation and control pursuant to local laws or ordinances adopted or amended under authority of this subdivision shall hereafter be by local law or ordinance or by rule or regulation which has not been theretofore approved by the state commissioner of housing and community renewal subjected to more stringent or restrictive provisions of regulation and control than those presently in effect.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after the effective date of this paragraph, a city having a population of one million or more shall not, either through its local legislative body or otherwise, adopt or amend local laws or ordinances with respect to the regulation and control of residential rents and eviction, including but not limited to provision for the establishment and adjustment of rents, the classification of housing accommodations, the regulation of evictions, and the enforcement of such local laws or ordinances, or otherwise adopt laws or ordinances pursuant to the provisions of this act, the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, the New York city rent and rehabilitation law or the New York city rent stabilization law, except to the extent that such city for the purpose of reviewing the continued

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need for the existing regulation and control of residential rents or to remove a classification of housing accommodation from such regulation and control adopts or amends local laws or ordinances pursuant to subdivision three of section one of this act, section three of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, section 26-415 of the New York city rent and rehabilitation law, and sections 26-502 and 26-520 of the New York city rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine.]

Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, any local law adopted pursuant to this act shall provide that notwithstanding provision of such local law in the case where all tenants occupying the housing accommodation on the effective date of this paragraph have vacated the housing accommodation and a family member of such vacating tenant or tenants is entitled to and continues to occupy the housing accommodation subject to the protections of such act, if such accommodation continues to be subject to such act after such family member vacates, on the occurrence of such vacancy the maximum collectable rent shall be increased by a sum equal to the allowance then in effect vacancy leases for housing accommodations covered by the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine, including the amount allowed by subdivision c of section 26-511 of such law. This paragraph (5-a) of increase shall be in addition to any other increases provided for this act and shall be applicable in like manner to each second subsequent succession.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no local law or ordinance shall subject to such regulation and control any housing accommodation which is not occupied by the tenant in possession as his or her primary residence; provided, however, that such housing accommodation not occupied by tenant in possession as his or her primary residence shall continue to be subject to regulation and control as provided for herein unless the city housing rent agency issues an order decontrolling such accommodation, which the agency shall do upon application by the landlord whenever it is established by any facts and circumstances which, judgment of the agency, may have a bearing upon the question of residence, that the tenant maintains his or her primary residence at place other than at such housing accommodation. For the purposes of determining primary residency, a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law, who has left the unit because of such violence, asserts an intent to return to the housing accommodation shall be deemed to be occupying the unit as his or her primary residence.

- S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
- a. the amendments to subdivision 5 of section 1 of chapter 21 of the laws of 1962 made by section one of this act shall remain in full force and effect only so long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues, as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local emergency housing rent control act; and
- b. the amendment to the second undesignated paragraph of subdivision 5 of section 1 of chapter 21 of the laws of 1962 made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

53 PART E

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Section 1. Section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 amending the emergency housing rent control law relating to the control of and 1 2 3 stabilization of rent in certain cases, as amended by section part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: 5 S 17. Effective date. This act shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until and including the fifteenth 6 7 of June [2015] 2022; except that sections two and three shall take 8 effect with respect to any city having a population of one million or more and section one shall take effect with respect to any other city, 9 10 or any town or village whenever the local legislative body of 11 town or village determines the existence of a public emergency pursuant to section three of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, as enacted by section four of this act, and provided that 12 13 14 the housing accommodations subject on the effective date of this act to 15 stabilization pursuant to the New York city rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine shall remain subject to such law upon the 16 17 expiration of this act.

- S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946 constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by section 2 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. The provisions of this act, and all regulations, orders and requirements thereunder shall remain in full force and effect until and including June 15, [2015] 2022.
- S 3. Section 2 of chapter 329 of the laws of 1963 amending the emergency housing rent control law relating to recontrol of rents in Albany, as amended by section 3 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and the provisions of subdivision 6 of section 12 of the emergency housing rent control law, as added by this act, shall remain in full force and effect until and including June 15, [2015] 2022.
- S 4. Section 10 of chapter 555 of the laws of 1982 amending the general business law and the administrative code of the city of New York relating to conversion of residential property to cooperative or condominium ownership in the city of New York, as amended by section 4 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 10. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the provisions of sections one, two and nine of this act shall remain in full force and effect only until and including June 15, [2015] provided further that the provisions of section three of this act shall remain in full force and effect only so long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local gency housing rent control act; provided further that the provisions of sections four, five, six and seven of this act shall expire in accordance with the provisions of section 26-520 of the administrative code of the city of New York as such section of the administrative code is, from time to time, amended; provided further that the provisions of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by this act, which the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development must find are contained in the code of the real industry stabilization association of such city in order to approve it, shall be deemed contained therein as of the effective date of this act; and provided further that any plan accepted for filing by the department law on or before the effective date of this act shall continue to be

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governed by the provisions of section 352-eeee of the general business law as they had existed immediately prior to the effective date of this act.

- S 5. Section 4 of chapter 402 of the laws of 1983 amending the general business law relating to conversion of rental residential property to cooperative or condominium ownership in certain municipalities in the counties of Nassau, Westchester and Rockland, as amended by section 5 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the provisions of sections one and three of this act shall remain in full force and effect only until and including June 15, [2015] 2022; and provided further that any plan accepted for filing by the department of law on or before the effective date of this act shall continue to be governed by the provisions of section 352-eee of the general law as they had existed immediately prior to the effective date of this act.
- S 6. Subdivision 6 of section 46 of chapter 116 of the laws constituting the rent regulation reform act of 1997, as amended by 19 section 6 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 21 sections twenty-eight, twenty-eight-a, twenty-eight-b and twentyeight-c of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed after June 15, 22 23 [2015] 2022;
- S 7. This act shall take effect immediately. 24

25 PART F

Section 1. Subparagraph (e) of paragraph 1 of subdivision g of section 26-405 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to section 15 of read as follows:

- (e) The landlord and tenant by mutual voluntary written agreement agree to a substantial increase or decrease in dwelling space or a change in the services, furniture, furnishings or equipment provided in the housing accommodations. An adjustment under this subparagraph shall be equal to [one-fortieth, in the case of a building with thirty-five or fewer housing accommodations, or one-sixtieth, in the case of a building with more than thirty-five housing accommodations where such adjustment takes effect on or after September twenty-fourth, two thousand eleven,] ONE-SIXTIETH of the total cost incurred by the landlord in providing such modification or increase in dwelling space, services, furniture, furnishings or equipment, including the cost of installation, but excluding finance charges, provided further that an owner who is entitled to a rent increase pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be entitled to a further rent increase based upon the installation of similar equipment, or new furniture or furnishings within the useful life of such new equipment, or new furniture or furnishings. The owner give written notice to the city rent agency of any such adjustment pursuant to this subparagraph; or
- S 2. Paragraph 13 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the trative code of the city of New York, as amended by section 16 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (13) provides that an owner is entitled to a rent increase where there been a substantial modification or increase of dwelling space or an increase in the services, or installation of new equipment or ments or new furniture or furnishings provided in or to a tenant's hous-

ing accommodation, on written tenant consent to the rent increase. In the case of a vacant housing accommodation, tenant consent shall not be required.

- (A) The permanent increase in the legal regulated rent for the affected housing accommodation shall be [one-fortieth, in the case of a building with thirty-five or fewer housing accommodations, or one-sixtieth, in the case of a building with more than thirty-five housing accommodations where such permanent increase takes effect on or after September twenty-fourth, two thousand eleven,] ONE-SIXTIETH of the total cost incurred by the landlord in providing such modification or increase in dwelling space, services, furniture, furnishings or equipment, including the cost of installation, but excluding finance charges. [Provided further that an]
- (B) AN owner who is entitled to a rent increase pursuant to this paragraph shall not be entitled to a further rent increase based upon the installation of similar equipment, or new furniture or furnishings within the useful life of such new equipment, or new furniture or furnishings.
- (C) NO INCREASE SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH UNTIL THE LANDLORD HAS PROVIDED THE TENANT WITH A RIDER PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION D OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RENT IN THE VACANCY LEASE HAS BEEN COMPUTED, AND THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS OF ALL EXPENDITURES SUPPORTING A RENT INCREASE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.
- (D) NO INCREASE SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH WHERE THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE OWNER IS NOT MAINTAINING ALL BUILDING-WIDE REQUIRED SERVICES OR ALL REQUIRED SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE AFFECTED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION, OR WHERE THERE ARE CURRENT HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS OF ANY MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL LAW WHICH RELATE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH SERVICES.
- (E) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE SIGNING OF A VACANCY LEASE INCLUDING A RENT INCREASE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH THAT EXCEEDS TEN PERCENT OF THE RENT CHARGED TO THE PREVIOUS TENANT, THE OWNER WILL FILE WITH THE DIVI-SION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RENT WAS COMPUTED, AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE COLLECTION INCREASE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CANCELLED CHECKS, SUCH INVOICES AND SIGNED CONTRACTS CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS ALLEGED, AND CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVITS INDICATING THAT THE INSTALLATION WAS COMPLETED AND PAID IN FULL. UPON RECEIPT OF ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE OWNER, AND AFTER GIVING THE TENANT NAMED IN SUCH VACANCY LEASE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND, THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING SUCH INCREASE IN WHOLE OR IN PART. BASED UPON SUCH DETERMINATION, THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL SHALL ORDER A REFUND TO THE TENANT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT APPROVED BY THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL.
- (F) IF THE OWNER FAILS TO ESTABLISH BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE OVERCHARGE WAS NOT WILLFUL, THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL SHALL ORDER THE OWNER TO PAY TO THE TENANT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE EXCESS CHARGED.
- (G) THE NEXT ANNUAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED FOR ANY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL CONTAIN A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE COSTS OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS UNDERLYING SUCH INCREASE.

S 3. Paragraph 2 of subdivision d of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is renumbered paragraph 3 and a new paragraph 2 is added to read as follows:

- (2) FOR VACANCY LEASES, SUCH RIDER SHALL ALSO INCLUDE A NOTICE OF THE PRIOR LEGAL RENT, IF ANY, THAT WAS IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE VACANCY, AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RENTAL AMOUNT HAS BEEN COMPUTED, INCLUDING A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE NATURE AND COST OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS UNDERLYING AN INCREASE UNDER PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN OF SUBDIVISION COF THIS SECTION, AND A STATEMENT THAT ANY INCREASE ABOVE THE PREVIOUS RENT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADJUSTMENTS PERMITTED BY LAW.
- S 4. Paragraph 1 of subdivision d of section 6 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 18 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (1) there has been a substantial modification or increase of dwelling space or an increase in the services, or installation of new equipment or improvements or new furniture or furnishings, provided in or to a tenant's housing accommodation, on written tenant consent to the rent increase. In the case of a vacant housing accommodation, tenant consent shall not be required.
- (A) The permanent increase in the legal regulated rent for the affected housing accommodation shall be [one-fortieth] ONE-SIXTIETH, in the case of a building with thirty-five or fewer housing accommodations, or one-sixtieth, in the case of a building with more than thirty-five housing accommodations where such permanent increase takes effect on or after September twenty-fourth, two thousand eleven, of the total cost incurred by the landlord in providing such modification or increase in dwelling space, services, furniture, furnishings or equipment, including the cost of installation, but excluding finance charges. [Provided further that an]
- (B) AN owner who is entitled to a rent increase pursuant to this paragraph shall not be entitled to a further rent increase based upon the installation of similar equipment, or new furniture or furnishings within the useful life of such new equipment, or new furniture or furnishings.
- (C) THE OWNER SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL AND THE TENANT NAMED IN A VACANCY LEASE ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE DIVISION OF ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH AND THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE AS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL PRECLUDE THE COLLECTION OF ANY SUCH ADJUSTMENT. SUCH NOTICE MUST INCLUDE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE NATURE AND COST OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS UNDERLYING AN INCREASE IN RENT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH AND A STATEMENT THAT ANY INCREASE ABOVE THE PREVIOUS RENT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADJUSTMENTS PERMITTED BY LAW.
- (D) NO INCREASE SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH WHERE THE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE OWNER IS NOT MAINTAINING ALL BUILDING-WIDE REQUIRED SERVICES OR ALL REQUIRED SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE AFFECTED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION, OR WHERE THERE ARE CURRENT HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS OF ANY MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL LAW WHICH RELATE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH SERVICES.
- (E) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE SIGNING OF A VACANCY LEASE INCLUDING A RENT INCREASE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH THAT EXCEEDS TEN PERCENT OF THE RENT CHARGED TO THE PREVIOUS TENANT, THE OWNER WILL FILE WITH THE DIVISION AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE VACANCY RENT WAS COMPUTED, AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE COLLECTION OF SUCH INCREASE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CANCELLED CHECKS, INVOICES AND SIGNED CONTRACTS

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CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS ALLEGED, AND CONTRACTOR'S AFFI-INDICATING THAT THE INSTALLATION WAS COMPLETED AND PAID IN FULL. 3 UPON RECEIPT OF ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE OWNER AND AFTER NAMED INTHE VACANCY LEASE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND, THE 5 DIVISION SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING SUCH INCREASE IN 6 WHOLE OR IN PART. BASED UPON SUCH DETERMINATION, THE DIVISION 7 A REFUND TO THE TENANT EOUAL TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF 8 THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT APPROVED BY THE DIVISION.

- (F) IF THE OWNER FAILS TO ESTABLISH BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE OVERCHARGE WAS NOT WILLFUL, THE DIVISION SHALL ORDER THE OWNER TO PAY TO THE TENANT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE EXCESS CHARGED.
- (G) THE NEXT ANNUAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED FOR ANY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL CONTAIN A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE COSTS OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS UNDERLYING SUCH INCREASE.
- S 5. Clause 5 of the second undesignated paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 4 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by section 25 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- landlord and tenant by mutual voluntary written agreement (5) the agree to a substantial increase or decrease in dwelling space change in the services, furniture, furnishings or equipment provided in the housing accommodations; provided that an owner shall be entitled to rent increase where there has been a substantial modification or increase of dwelling space or an increase in the services, or tion of new equipment or improvements or new furniture or furnishings provided in or to a tenant's housing accommodation. The permanent increase in the maximum rent for the affected housing accommodation shall be [one-fortieth] ONE-SIXTIETH, in the case of a building with thirty-five or fewer housing accommodations, or one-sixtieth, in the case of a building with more than thirty-five housing accommodations where such permanent increase takes effect on or after September twenty-fourth, two thousand eleven, of the total cost incurred by the landlord in providing such modification or increase in dwelling space, services, furniture, furnishings or equipment, including the cost of installation, but excluding finance charges provided further that an owner who is entitled to a rent increase pursuant to this clause not be entitled to a further rent increase based upon the installation of similar equipment, or new furniture or furnishings within the useful life of such new equipment, or new furniture or furnishings. The owner shall give written notice to the commission of any such adjustment pursuant to this clause; or
- S 6. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that:
- a. the amendments to section 26-405 of the city rent and rehabilitation law made by section one of this act shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues, as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local emergency housing rent control act;
- b. the amendments to chapter 4 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York made by sections two and three of this act shall

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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;

- the amendments to the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section four of this act shall expire on the 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;
- the amendments to section 4 of the emergency housing rent control law made by section five of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 274 of 1946; and
- e. effective immediately, the division of housing and community renewal is authorized to and shall promulgate all rules, regulations and 14 standards necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

PART G 15

Section 1. Legislative findings and declaration of emergency. legislature hereby finds and declares that the serious public emergency which led to the enactment of the existing laws regulating residential rents and evictions continues to exist; that such laws would better serve the public interest if certain changes were made thereto, the continued regulation of certain housing accommodations that become vacant and the reinstatement of regulation of certain housing accommodations that have been deregulated upon vacancy.

legislature further recognizes that severe disruption of the rental housing market has occurred and threatens to be exacerbated as a the present state of the law in relation to the deregulation of housing accommodations upon vacancy. The situation has permitted speculative and profiteering practices and has brought about the loss of vital and irreplaceable affordable housing for working persons and families.

The legislature therefore declares that in order to prevent uncertainpotential hardship and dislocation of tenants living in housing accommodations subject to government regulations as to rentals and continued occupancy as well as those not subject to such regulation, the provisions of this act are necessary to protect the public health, safeand general welfare. The necessity in the public interest for the provisions hereinafter enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

- S 2. Paragraph (n) of subdivision 2 of section 2 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, is REPEALED.
- S 3. Paragraph 13 of subdivision a of section 5 of section 4 of chap-576 of the laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, is REPEALED.
- S 4. Subparagraph (k) of paragraph 2 of subdivision e of 26-403 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.
- 5. Section 26-504.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.
- S 6. Any housing accommodations that on or after January 1, 2007 were excluded from coverage from the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, the emergency housing rent control law or the administrative code of the city of New York pursuant to the provisions of law repealed by sections two, three, four and five of this act shall be subject to the provisions of such act, law or administrative code,

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51 52 respectively. Notwithstanding the provisions of any lease or rental agreement, the legal regulated rent or maximum collectible rent of any housing accommodation excluded from regulation on or after January 1, 2007 by reason of the provisions repealed by sections two, three, four and five of this act shall be the legal regulated rent or maximum collectible rent applicable to such accommodation on December 31, 2006, subject to further adjustment in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

Any housing accommodations that prior to January 1, 2007 were excluded from coverage from the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, the emergency housing rent control law or the administrative code of the city of New York pursuant to the provisions of law repealed by sections two, three, four, and five of this act, and where such housing accommodations were located outside the city of were rented to a tenant on or after January 1, 2007 for less than \$3,500 per month or were located within the city of New York and were rented to a tenant on or after January 1, 2007 for less than \$5,000.00 per month, shall be subject to the provisions of such act, law or administrative code, respectively. Notwithstanding the provisions of any lease or rental agreement, the legal regulated rent or maximum collectible rent of any housing accommodation excluded from regulation prior to January 1, 2007 by reason of the provisions repealed by sections three, four and five of this act and made subject to regulation shall be the actual rent applicable to such accommodations on January 1, 2007 or the first rent applicable to such accommodation after January 1, 2007, subject to further adjustment in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

S 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

29 PART H

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:

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 WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE-B OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW. [Where, subsequent 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.]

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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 other increases authorized by law; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH VACANCY SHALL NOT BE CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER OR AN AGENT THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TO MAINTAIN WARRANTY OF HABITABILITY SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF 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 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.

32 PART I

33 Section 1. Paragraph 6-a of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the 34 administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as 35 follows:

(6-a) provides criteria whereby as an alternative to the hardship application provided under paragraph six of this subdivision owners of buildings acquired by the same owner or a related entity owned by the same principals [three] SIX years prior to the date of application may apply to the division for increases in excess of the level of applicable guideline increases established under this law based on a finding by the commissioner that such quideline increases are not sufficient to enable the owner to maintain an annual gross rent income for such building which exceeds the annual operating expenses of such building by a sum equal to at least five percent of such gross rent. For the purposes this paragraph, operating expenses shall consist of the actual, reasonable, costs of fuel, labor, utilities, taxes, other than income or corporate franchise taxes, fees, permits, necessary contracted services and non-capital repairs, insurance, parts and supplies, management fees and other administrative costs and mortgage interest. For the purposes of this paragraph, mortgage interest shall be deemed to mean interest on a bona fide mortgage including an allocable portion of charges related thereto. Criteria to be considered in determining a bona fide mortgage other than an institutional mortgage shall include; condition of

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property, location of the property, the existing mortgage market at the time the mortgage is placed, the term of the mortgage, the rate, the principal amount of the mortgage, security and other terms and conditions of the mortgage. The commissioner shall set a rental value 5 for any unit occupied by the owner or a person related to the owner or 6 unoccupied at the owner's choice for more than one month at the last 7 regulated rent plus the minimum number of guidelines increases or, if no 8 such regulated rent existed or is known, the commissioner shall impute a 9 rent consistent with other rents in the building. The amount of hardship 10 increase shall be such as may be required to maintain the annual 11 income as provided by this paragraph. The division shall not grant 12 a hardship application under this paragraph or paragraph six of 13 subdivision for a period of three years subsequent to granting a hard-14 ship application under the provisions of this paragraph. The collection 15 any increase in the rent for any housing accommodation pursuant to 16 this paragraph shall not exceed six percent in any year from the effec-17 tive date of the order granting the increase over the rent set forth in 18 the schedule of gross rents, with collectability of any dollar 19 above said sum to be spread forward in similar increments and added to 20 the rent as established or set in future years. No application shall 21 approved unless the owner's equity in such building exceeds five percent 22 of: (i) the arms length purchase price of the property; (ii) the cost of 23 any capital improvements for which the owner has not collected a 24 surcharge; (iii) any repayment of principal of any mortgage or loan used 25 to finance the purchase of the property or any capital improvements 26 which the owner has not collected a surcharge and (iv) any increase in 27 the equalized assessed value of the property which occurred subsequent 28 the first valuation of the property after purchase by the owner. For 29 the purposes of this paragraph, owner's equity shall mean the sum of (i) the purchase price of the property less the principal of any mortgage or 30 31 loan used to finance the purchase of the property, (ii) the cost of any 32 improvement for which the owner has not collected a surcharge capital 33 less the principal of any mortgage or loan used to finance said improve-34 ment, (iii) any repayment of the principal of any mortgage or loan used 35 finance the purchase of the property or any capital improvement for which the owner has not collected a surcharge, and (iv) any increase 36 37 the equalized assessed value of the property which occurred subsequent to the first valuation of the property after purchase by the owner. S 2. Paragraph 5 of subdivision d of section 6 of section 4 of chapter 38 39

- S 2. Paragraph 5 of subdivision d of section 6 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974 enacting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, as amended by chapter 102 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:
- (5) as an alternative to the hardship application provided under paragraph four of this subdivision, owners of buildings acquired by the same owner or a related entity owned by the same principals [three] SIX years prior to the date of application may apply to the division for increases level of applicable guideline increases established of the under this law based on a finding by the commissioner that such guideline increases are not sufficient to enable the owner to maintain an annual gross rent income for such building which exceeds the operating expenses of such building by a sum equal to at least five percent of such gross rent. For the purposes of this paragraph, operating expenses shall consist of the actual, reasonable, costs of fuel, labor, utilities, taxes, other than income or corporate franchise taxes, fees, permits, necessary contracted services and non-capital repairs, insurance, parts and supplies, management fees and other administrative

costs and mortgage interest. For the purposes of this paragraph, mortinterest shall be deemed to mean interest on a bona fide mortgage 3 including an allocable portion of charges related thereto. be considered in determining a bona fide mortgage other than an institu-5 tional mortgage shall include; condition of the property, location of 6 the property, the existing mortgage market at the time the mortgage 7 placed, the term of the mortgage, the amortization rate, the principal 8 amount of the mortgage, security and other terms and conditions of the 9 mortgage. The commissioner shall set a rental value for any unit occu-10 pied by the owner or a person related to the owner or unoccupied at the 11 owner's choice for more than one month at the last regulated rent plus 12 the minimum number of guidelines increases or, if no such regulated rent 13 existed or is known, the commissioner shall impute a rent consistent 14 with other rents in the building. The amount of hardship increase shall 15 be such as may be required to maintain the annual gross rent income as 16 provided by this paragraph. The division shall not grant a hardship 17 application under this paragraph or paragraph four of this subdivision 18 for a period of three years subsequent to granting a hardship applica-19 tion under the provisions of this paragraph. The collection of 20 increase in the rent for any housing accommodation pursuant to this 21 paragraph shall not exceed six percent in any year from the effective 22 of the order granting the increase over the rent set forth in the schedule of gross rents, with collectability of any dollar excess above 23 24 said sum to be spread forward in similar increments and added to the 25 rent as established or set in future years. No application shall 26 approved unless the owner's equity in such building exceeds five percent 27 of: (i) the arms length purchase price of the property; (ii) the cost of 28 improvements for which the owner has not collected a capital 29 surcharge; (iii) any repayment of principal of any mortgage or loan used to finance the purchase of the property or any capital improvements for 30 which the owner has not collected a surcharge; and (iv) any increase in 31 32 the equalized assessed value of the property which occurred subsequent the first valuation of the property after purchase by the owner. For 33 the purposes of this paragraph, owner's equity shall mean the sum of (i) 34 35 the purchase price of the property less the principal of any mortgage or loan used to finance the purchase of the property, (ii) the cost of 36 37 improvement for which the owner has not collected a surcharge less the principal of any mortgage or loan used to finance said improve-38 39 ment, (iii) any repayment of the principal of any mortgage or loan used 40 finance the purchase of the property or any capital improvement for which the owner has not collected a surcharge, and (iv) any increase 41 the equalized assessed value of the property which occurred subsequent 42 43 to the first valuation of the property after purchase by the owner. 44

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that

a. the amendments to section 26-511 of chapter 4 of title the administrative code of the city of New York made by section one of this act shall expire on the same date as such law expires and affect the expiration of such law as provided under section 26-520 of such law; and

b. the amendments to section 6 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section two 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.

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Section 1. Subparagraph (g) of paragraph 1 of subdivision g of section 26-405 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 749 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

- (g) (I) COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES TO THE MAXIMUM RENT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO ITEM (II) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL CEASE WHEN THE OWNER HAS RECOVERED THE COST OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT;
- 7 (II) There has been since July first, nineteen hundred seventy, 8 major capital improvement [required for the operation, preservation or maintenance of the structure. An adjustment under this subparagraph (g) 9 10 in an amount sufficient to amortize the cost of the improveshall be 11 ments pursuant to this subparagraph (g) over a seven-year period]; THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE DEEMED 12 THAT PROVIDED 13 DEPRECIABLE UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SUCH **IMPROVEMENTS** ARE 14 REOUIRED FOR THE OPERATION, PRESERVATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE STRUC-15 TURE. THE INCREASE PERMITTED FOR SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 16 COLLECTED AS A MONTHLY SURCHARGE TO THE MAXIMUM RENT. IT SHALL BE SEPA-17 RATELY DESIGNATED AND BILLED AS SUCH AND SHALL NOT BE COMPOUNDED BY ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM RENT. THE SURCHARGE ALLOCABLE TO EACH 18 19 APARTMENT SHALL BE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE **IMPROVEMENT** DIVIDED BY EIGHTY-FOUR, DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN THE BUILDING, 20 21 THEN MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN SUCH APARTMENT; PROVIDED 22 THAT THE SURCHARGE ALLOCABLE TO ANY APARTMENT IN ANY ONE YEAR EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX PERCENT OF THE MONTHLY RENT COLLECTED BY 23 THE OWNER FOR SUCH APARTMENT AS SET 24 FORTH IN $_{
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 - S 2. Subparagraph (k) of paragraph 1 of subdivision g of section 26-405 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 749 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:
 - (k) The landlord has incurred, since January first, nineteen hundred seventy, in connection with and in addition to a concurrent major capital improvement pursuant to subparagraph (g) of this paragraph, other expenditures to improve, restore or preserve the quality of the structure. An adjustment under this subparagraph shall be granted only if such improvements represent an expenditure equal to at least ten per centum of the total operating and maintenance expenses for the preceding year. An adjustment under this subparagraph shall be in addition to any adjustment granted for the concurrent major capital improvement and shall be [in an amount sufficient to amortize the cost of the improvements pursuant to this subparagraph over a seven-year period] IMPLE-MENTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS SUCH MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS A FURTHER SURCHARGE TO THE MAXIMUM RENT.
 - S 3. Paragraph 6 of subdivision c of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by chapter 116 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:
 - (6) provides criteria whereby the commissioner may act upon applications by owners for increases in excess of the level of fair rent increase established under this law provided, however, that such criteria shall provide [(a)] as to hardship applications, for a finding that the level of fair rent increase is not sufficient to enable the owner to maintain approximately the same average annual net income (which shall be computed without regard to debt service, financing costs or management fees) for the three year period ending on or within six months of

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the date of an application pursuant to such criteria as compared with annual net income, which prevailed on the average over the period ninesixty-eight through nineteen hundred seventy, or for the teen hundred first three years of operation if the building was completed since nineteen hundred sixty-eight or for the first three fiscal years after a transfer of title to a new owner provided the new owner can establish to 7 the satisfaction of the commissioner that he or she acquired title to the building as a result of a bona fide sale of the entire building and that the new owner is unable to obtain requisite records for the fiscal 9 10 years nineteen hundred sixty-eight through nineteen hundred seventy 11 despite diligent efforts to obtain same from predecessors in title 12 further provided that the new owner can provide financial data covering a minimum of six years under his or her continuous and uninterrupted 13 14 operation of the building to meet the three year to three year compar-15 ative test periods herein provided[; and (b) as to completed buildingwide major capital improvements, for a finding that such improvements 16 17 are deemed depreciable under the Internal Revenue Code and that the cost is to be amortized over a seven-year period, based upon cash purchase 18 price exclusive of interest or service charges]. 19 Notwithstanding 20 anything to the contrary contained herein, no hardship increase granted 21 pursuant to this paragraph shall, when added to the annual gross rents, as determined by the commissioner, exceed the sum of, (i) the annual 23 operating expenses, (ii) an allowance for management services as determined by the commissioner, (iii) actual annual mortgage debt service 24 25 (interest and amortization) on its indebtedness to a lending institu-26 tion, an insurance company, a retirement fund or welfare fund which is operated under the supervision of the banking or insurance laws of the 27 28 state of New York or the United States, and (iv) eight and one-half 29 that portion of the fair market value of the property which 30 exceeds the unpaid principal amount of the mortgage indebtedness referred to 31 in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph. Fair market value 32 for the purposes of this paragraph shall be six times the annual gross 33 The collection of any increase in the stabilized rent for any 34 apartment pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed six percent in any year from the effective date of the order granting the increase over the 35 rent set forth in the schedule of gross rents, with collectability 37 any dollar excess above said sum to be spread forward in similar incre-38 ments and added to the stabilized rent as established or set in future 39 years; 40

S 4. Subdivision c of section 26-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding two new paragraphs 6-b and 6-c to read as follows:

(6-B) PROVIDES CRITERIA WHEREBY THE COMMISSIONER MAY ACT UPON APPLICA-TION BY OWNERS FOR INCREASES IN EXCESS OF THE LEVEL OF INCREASE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS LAW PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH CRITE-RIA SHALL PROVIDE AS TO COMPLETED BUILDING-WIDE MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVE-MENTS, FOR A FINDING THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE DEEMED DEPRECIABLE UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION, PRESERVATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE STRUCTURE. THE **INCREASE** PERMITTED FOR SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED AS A MONTHLY SURCHARGE TO THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT. IT SHALL BE SEPARATELY DESIGNATED AND BILLED AS SUCH AND SHALL NOT BE COMPOUNDED BY ANY ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT THE LEVEL OF FAIR RENT PROVIDED FOR UNDER SUBDIVISION B OF SECTION 26-510 OF THIS LAW. THE SURCHARGE ALLOCABLE TO EACH APARTMENT SHALL EQUAL TO THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT DIVIDED BY EIGHTY-FOUR, DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN THE BUILDING, AND THEN MULTIPLIED

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THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN SUCH APARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT THE SURCHARGE ALLO-ANY APARTMENT, IN ANY ONE YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL 3 TO SIX PERCENT OF THE MONTHLY RENT COLLECTED BY THE OWNER APARTMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE SCHEDULE OF GROSS RENTS. ANY EXCESS ABOVE 5 SIX PERCENT SHALL BE CARRIED FORWARD AND COLLECTED IN FUTURE YEARS 6 AS A FURTHER SURCHARGE NOT TO EXCEED AN ADDITIONAL SIX PERCENT ΙN 7 PERIOD UNTIL THE TOTAL SURCHARGE EQUALS THE AMOUNT IT WOULD 8 HAVE BEEN IF THE AFOREMENTIONED SIX PERCENT LIMITATION DID NOT APPLY.

- (6-C) COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES IN EXCESS OF THE LEVEL OF FAIR RENT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH SIX-B OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL CEASE WHEN THE OWNER HAS RECOVERED THE COST OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.
- S 5. Paragraph 3 of subdivision d of section 6 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, as amended by chapter 749 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:
- (3) (I) COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES IN ADDITION TO THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL CEASE WHEN THE OWNER HAS RECOVERED THE COST OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT;
- (II) there has been since January first, nineteen hundred seventy-four a major capital improvement [required for the operation, preservation or maintenance of the structure. An adjustment under this paragraph shall be in an amount sufficient to amortize the cost of the improvements pursuant to this paragraph over a seven-year period]; PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE DEEMED DEPRECIABLE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION, PRESERVATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE STRUCTURE. THE INCREASE PERMITTED FOR SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED AS A MONTHLY SURCHARGE TO THE LEGAL REGULATED RENT. IT SHALL BE SEPARATELY DESIGNATED AND BILLED AS SUCH AND SHALL NOT BE COMPOUNDED BY ANY ANNUAL RENT AUTHORIZED BY THE RENT GUIDELINES BOARD UNDER THIS ACT. THE ADJUSTMENT SURCHARGE ALLOCABLE TO EACH APARTMENT SHALL BE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT DIVIDED BY EIGHTY-FOUR, DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF ΙN THE BUILDING, AND THEN MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF ROOMS IN SUCH APARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT THE SURCHARGE ALLOCABLE TO ANY YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO SIX PERCENT OF THE ANY ONE MONTHLY RENT COLLECTED BY THE OWNER FOR SUCH APARTMENT AS SET THE SCHEDULE OF GROSS RENTS. ANY EXCESS ABOVE SAID SIX PERCENT SHALL BE CARRIED FORWARD AND COLLECTED IN FUTURE YEARS AS A FURTHER SURCHARGE NOT AN ADDITIONAL SIX PERCENT IN ANY ONE YEAR PERIOD UNTIL THE TOTAL SURCHARGE EQUALS THE AMOUNT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEAFOREMEN-TIONED SIX PERCENT LIMITATION DID NOT APPLY, or
- S 6. The second undesignated paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 4 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by section 25 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

No application for adjustment of maximum rent based upon a sales price valuation shall be filed by the landlord under this subparagraph prior to six months from the date of such sale of the property. In addition, no adjustment ordered by the commission based upon such sales price valuation shall be effective prior to one year from the date of such sale. Where, however, the assessed valuation of the land exceeds four times the assessed valuation of the buildings thereon, the commission may determine a valuation of the property equal to five times the equalized assessed valuation of the buildings, for the purposes of this subparagraph. The commission may make a determination that the valuation

of the property is an amount different from such equalized assessed valuation where there is a request for a reduction in such assessed 3 valuation currently pending; or where there has been a reduction in the assessed valuation for the year next preceding the effective date of the 5 current assessed valuation in effect at the time of the filing of the 6 application. Net annual return shall be the amount by which the earned 7 income exceeds the operating expenses of the property, excluding mort-8 gage interest and amortization, and excluding allowances for obsoles-9 cence and reserves, but including an allowance for depreciation of two 10 per centum of the value of the buildings exclusive of the land, or 11 amount shown for depreciation of the buildings in the latest required federal income tax return, whichever is lower; provided, however, that 12 no allowance for depreciation of the buildings shall be included 13 14 where the buildings have been fully depreciated for federal income tax purposes or on the books of the owner; or (2) the landlord who owns no 16 more than four rental units within the state has not been fully compensated by increases in rental income sufficient to offset unavoidable 17 18 increases in property taxes, fuel, utilities, insurance and repairs 19 maintenance, excluding mortgage interest and amortization, and excluding 20 allowances for depreciation, obsolescence and reserves, which have occurred since the federal date determining the maximum rent or the date 21 22 the property was acquired by the present owner, whichever is later; 23 (3) the landlord operates a hotel or rooming house or owns a cooperative apartment and has not been fully compensated by increases in rental 24 25 income from the controlled housing accommodations sufficient to offset 26 unavoidable increases in property taxes and other costs as are allocable 27 to such controlled housing accommodations, including costs of operation 28 of such hotel or rooming house, but excluding mortgage interest 29 amortization, and excluding allowances for depreciation, obsolescence 30 and reserves, which have occurred since the federal date determining the maximum rent or the date the landlord commenced the operation of the 31 32 property, whichever is later; or (4) the landlord and tenant voluntarily 33 enter into a valid written lease in good faith with respect to any hous-34 ing accommodation, which lease provides for an increase in the maximum rent not in excess of fifteen per centum and for a term of not less than 35 two years, except that where such lease provides for an increase 36 37 excess of fifteen per centum, the increase shall be automatically 38 reduced to fifteen per centum; or (5) the landlord and tenant by mutual voluntary written agreement agree to a substantial increase or decrease 39 40 in dwelling space or a change in the services, furniture, furnishings or equipment provided in the housing accommodations; provided that an owner 41 42 shall be entitled to a rent increase where there has been a substantial 43 modification or increase of dwelling space or an increase in the 44 services, or installation of new equipment or improvements or new furniture or furnishings provided in or to a tenant's housing accommodation. The permanent increase in the maximum rent for the affected housing 45 46 47 accommodation shall be one-fortieth, in the case of a building with 48 thirty-five or fewer housing accommodations, or one-sixtieth, in the 49 case of a building with more than thirty-five housing accommodations 50 where such permanent increase takes effect on or after September twen-51 ty-fourth, two thousand eleven, of the total cost incurred by the landlord in providing such modification or increase in dwelling space, 52 services, furniture, furnishings or equipment, including the cost of 53 54 installation, but excluding finance charges provided further that an owner who is entitled to a rent increase pursuant to this clause shall not be entitled to a further rent increase based upon the installation 56

of similar equipment, or new furniture or furnishings within the useful life of such new equipment, or new furniture or furnishings. The owner shall give written notice to the commission of any such adjustment pursuant to this clause; or (6) there has been, since March first, nineteen hundred fifty, an increase in the rental value of the housing accommodations as a result of a substantial rehabilitation of the build-7 ing or housing accommodation therein which materially adds to the value 8 the property or appreciably prolongs its life, excluding ordinary repairs, maintenance and replacements; or (7) (I) COLLECTION 9 10 SURCHARGES TO THE MAXIMUM RENT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO ITEM (II) OF THIS CLAUSE SHALL CEASE WHEN THE OWNER HAS RECOVERED THE COST OF THE MAJOR 11 12 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT; (II) there has been since March first, nineteen hundred fifty, a major capital improvement [required for the operation, 13 14 preservation or maintenance of the structure]; PROVIDED THAT THE COMMIS-15 SIONER FINDS THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE DEEMED DEPRECIABLE UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERA-16 17 TION, PRESERVATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE STRUCTURE. THE INCREASE PERMIT-18 SHALL COLLECTED FOR SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BEAS A MONTHLY 19 SURCHARGE TO THE MAXIMUM RENT. IT SHALL $_{
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S 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that

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- the amendments to section 26-405 of the city rent and rehabilitation law made by sections one and two of this act shall remain in full force and effect only so long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues, as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local emergency housing rent control act;
- amendments to section 26-511 of the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine made by sections three and four 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, as from time to time amended;

- c. the amendment to section 6 of the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by section five 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, as from time to time amended; and
- 9 d. the amendment to section 4 of the emergency housing rent control 10 law made by section six of this act shall expire on the same date as 11 such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as 12 provided in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 274 of the laws of 13 1946.

14 PART K

Section 1. Section 5 of section 4 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974, constituting the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four, is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

- D. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH THREE OR FIVE OF SUBDIVISION A OF THIS SECTION BUT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE EXCEPTIONS IN SUCH SUBDIVISION, NOTHING SHALL PREVENT THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE OF THIS ACT FOR RENTAL HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS LOCATED IN BUILDINGS WHICH WERE OWNED BY A COMPANY ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE PRIVATE HOUSING FINANCE LAW, OTHER THAN A MUTUAL COMPANY, BY REASON OF A VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 35 OF SUCH LAW. THE PROVISION OF SUBDIVISION A OF SECTION NINE OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION WHICH BECAME SUBJECT TO THIS ACT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.
- S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to housing companies that dissolve before, on or after such date; provided, however, that the amendments to the emergency tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four made by this act shall not affect the expiration of such act as provided in section 17 of chapter 576 of the laws of 1974, as amended and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

34 PART L

Section 1. Paragraph 12 of subdivision a of section 5 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 29 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: (12) upon issuance of an order by the division, housing accommodations (1) occupied by persons who have a total annual income as defined in and subject to the limitations and process set forth in section five-a of this act [in excess of], THAT EXCEEDS the deregulation income threshold, as defined in section five-a of this act, in each of the two preceding calendar years; and (2) have a legal regulated rent that equals or exceeds the deregulation rent threshold, as defined in section five-a of this act. Provided however, that this exclusion shall apply to housing accommodations which became or become subject to this act (a) by virtue of receiving tax benefits pursuant to section four hundred twenty-one-a or four hundred eighty-nine of the real prop-erty tax law, except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (f) of subdivision two of section four hundred twenty-one-a of the

1 real property tax law, or (b) by virtue of article seven-C of the multi-2 ple dwelling law.

- S 2. Paragraph (a) of section 5-a 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 30 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) 1. For purposes of this section, annual income shall mean the federal adjusted gross income as reported on the New York state income tax return. Total annual income means the sum of the annual incomes of all persons whose names are recited as the tenant or co-tenant on a lease who occupy the housing accommodation and all other persons that occupy the housing accommodation as their primary residence on other than a temporary basis, excluding bona fide employees of such occupants residing therein in connection with such employment and excluding bona fide subtenants in occupancy pursuant to the provisions of section two hundred twenty-six-b of the real property law. In the case where a housing accommodation is sublet, the annual income of the tenant or co-tenant recited on the lease who will reoccupy the housing accommodation upon the expiration of the sublease shall be considered.
- 2. [Deregulation income threshold means total annual income equal to one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation income threshold means the total annual income equal to two hundred thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years.
- 3. Deregulation rent threshold means two thousand dollars for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation rent threshold means two thousand five hundred dollars.]

DEREGULATION INCOME THRESHOLD MEANS THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. FOR PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE DEREGULATION INCOME THRESHOLD SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR FOR PROCEEDINGS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BY THE CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY-LONG ISLAND, NY-NJ-CT-PA, AS ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDING AUGUST.

- 3. DEREGULATION RENT THRESHOLD MEANS THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. FOR PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE DEREGULATION RENT THRESHOLD SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR FOR PROCEEDINGS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BY THE CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY-LONG ISLAND, NY-NJ-CT-PA, AS ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDING AUGUST.
- S 3. Paragraph (m) of subdivision 2 of section 2 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by section 31 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (m) upon the issuance of an order of deregulation by the division, housing accommodations which: (1) are occupied by persons who have a total annual income, as defined in and subject to the limitations and process set forth in section two-a of this law[, in excess of the deregulation income threshold as defined in section two-a of this law in each of the two preceding calendar years;] and (2) have a maximum rent [that equals or exceeds the deregulation rent threshold as defined in section two-a of this law].

S 4. Subdivision (a) of section 2-a of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946, constituting the emergency housing rent control law, as amended by section 32 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) 1. For purposes of this section, annual income shall mean the federal adjusted gross income as reported on the New York state income tax return. Total annual income means the sum of the annual incomes of all persons who occupy the housing accommodation as their primary residence on other than a temporary basis, excluding bona fide employees of such occupants residing therein in connection with such employment and excluding bona fide subtenants in occupancy pursuant to the provisions of section two hundred twenty-six-b of the real property law. In the case where a housing accommodation is sublet, the annual income of the sublessor shall be considered.
- 2. [Deregulation income threshold means total annual income equal to one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation income threshold means the total annual income equal to two hundred thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years.
- 3. Deregulation rent threshold means two thousand dollars for proceedings commenced prior to July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation rent threshold means two thousand five hundred dollars.]

DEREGULATION INCOME THRESHOLD MEANS THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. FOR PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE DEREGULATION INCOME THRESHOLD SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR FOR PROCEEDINGS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BY THE CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY-LONG ISLAND, NY-NJ-CT-PA, AS ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDING AUGUST.

- 3. DEREGULATION RENT THRESHOLD MEANS THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. FOR PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE DEREGULATION RENT THRESHOLD SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR FOR PROCEEDINGS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR BY THE CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY-LONG ISLAND, NY-NJ-CT-PA, AS ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDING AUGUST.
- S 5. Subdivision (a) of section 26-403.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by section 34 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) 1. For purposes of this section, annual income shall mean the federal adjusted gross income as reported on the New York state income tax return. Total annual income means the sum of the annual incomes of all persons who occupy the housing accommodation as their primary residence other than on a temporary basis, excluding bona fide employees of such occupants residing therein in connection with such employment and excluding bona fide subtenants in occupancy pursuant to the provisions of section two hundred twenty-six-b of the real property law. In the case where a housing accommodation is sublet, the annual income of the sublessor shall be considered.
- 2. [Deregulation income threshold means total annual income equal to one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years for proceedings commenced prior to July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand

sand eleven, the deregulation income threshold means the total annual income equal to two hundred thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years.

3. Deregulation rent threshold means two thousand dollars for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation rent threshold means two thousand five hundred dollars.]

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- S 6. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subdivision (a) of section 26-504.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by section 36 of part B of chapter 97 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 2. [Deregulation income threshold means total annual income equal to one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation income threshold means the total annual income equal to two hundred thousand dollars in each of the two preceding calendar years.
- 3. Deregulation rent threshold means two thousand dollars for proceedings commenced before July first, two thousand eleven. For proceedings commenced on or after July first, two thousand eleven, the deregulation rent threshold means two thousand five hundred dollars.]

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 - S 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that:
- a. the amendments to paragraph 12 of subdivision a of section 5 and section 5-a of section 4 of the emergency tenant protection act of nine-teen seventy-four made by sections one and two of this act, respectively, 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;

- b. the amendments to paragraph (m) of subdivision 2 of section 2 and section 2-a of the emergency housing rent control law made by sections three and four of this act, respectively, shall expire on the same date as such law expires and shall not affect the expiration of such law as provided in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 274 of the laws of 1946;
- c. the amendments to section 26-403.1 of the city rent and rehabilitation law made by section five of this act shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the public emergency requiring the regulation and control of residential rents and evictions continues, as provided in subdivision 3 of section 1 of the local emergency housing rent control act; and
- d. the amendments to section 26-504.3 of chapter 4 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York made by section six 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.
- S 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.
- 29 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that 30 the applicable effective dates of Parts A through L of this act shall be 31 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.