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Introduced by M. of A. MILLER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting insurance companies from questioning property owners about units occupied by tenants under section eight housing or other subsidized housing programs

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

Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3429-b to read as follows:

S 3429-B. QUESTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS. (A) NO INSURER SHALL REQUIRE ANY PROPERTY OWNER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, EITHER WRITTEN OR VERBALLY, IN REGARDS TO WHETHER UNITS ARE OCCUPIED BY TENANTS THAT RECEIVE SECTION EIGHT HOUSING STATUS, PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN, OR ANY OTHER SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROGRAMS.

(B) NO INSURER SHALL REFUSE TO ISSUE OR RENEW OR SHALL CANCEL A PROPERTY OWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY IF THE PROPERTY OWNER DECLINES TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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