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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to a tenant blacklist

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 296 of the executive law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (a-1) to read as follows:
3 (A-1) IT SHALL BE AN UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE FOR THE OWNER,
4 LESSEE, SUBLESSEE, ASSIGNEE, OR MANAGING AGENT OF PUBLICLY-ASSISTED
5 HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS OR OTHER PERSON HAVING THE RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OR
6 POSSESSION OF OR THE RIGHT TO RENT OR LEASE SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS TO
7 REFUSE TO SELL, RENT OR LEASE OR OTHERWISE DENY OR TO WITHHOLD FROM ANY
8 PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS SUCH A HOUSING ACCOMMODATION ON THE BASIS
9 THAT SUCH PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS WERE INVOLVED IN PAST, ONGOING OR
10 CURRENT LANDLORD-TENANT ACTION OR SUMMARY PROCEEDING EMANATING FROM
11 ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW, EXCEPT WHERE THE TENANT OR GROUP
12 OF TENANTS HAVE NOT SATISFIED THE ORDER.
13 S 2. Subdivision 3-b of section 296 of the executive law, as amended
14 by chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:
15 3-b. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any real
16 estate broker, real estate salesperson or employee or agent thereof or
17 any other individual, corporation, partnership or organization for the
18 purpose of inducing a real estate transaction from which any such person
19 or any of its stockholders or members may benefit financially, to repre-
20 sent that a change has occurred or will or may occur in the composition
21 with respect to race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation,
22 military status, sex, disability, PAST, ONGOING OR CURRENT LANDLORD-TEN-
23 ANT ACTION OR SUMMARY PROCEEDING EMANATING FROM ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE
24 REAL PROPERTY LAW, marital status, or familial status of the owners or
25 occupants in the block, neighborhood or area in which the real property

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

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1 is located, and to represent, directly or indirectly, that this change
2 will or may result in undesirable consequences in the block, neighbor-
3 hood or area in which the real property is located, including but not
4 limited to the lowering of property values, an increase in criminal or
5 anti-social behavior, or a decline in the quality of schools or other
6 facilities.

7 S 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 296 of the executive
8 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 1-a to read as follows:

9 (1-A) IT SHALL BE AN UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE FOR THE OWNER,
10 LESSEE, SUBLESSEE, ASSIGNEE, OR MANAGING AGENT OF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON
11 HAVING THE RIGHT TO SELL, RENT OR LEASE A HOUSING ACCOMMODATION,
12 CONSTRUCTED OR TO BE CONSTRUCTED, OR ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF, TO
13 REFUSE TO SELL, RENT OR LEASE OR OTHERWISE DENY OR TO WITHHOLD FROM ANY
14 PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS SUCH A HOUSING ACCOMMODATION ON THE BASIS
15 THAT SUCH PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS WERE INVOLVED IN PAST, ONGOING OR
16 CURRENT LANDLORD-TENANT ACTION OR SUMMARY PROCEEDING EMANATING FROM
17 ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW, EXCEPT WHERE THE TENANT OR
18 GROUP OF TENANTS HAVE NOT SATISFIED THE ORDER.

19 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.