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AN ACT to amend the multiple dwelling law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting advertising that promotes the use of dwelling units in a class A multiple dwelling for other than permanent residence purposes

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

1     Section 1. The multiple dwelling law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 121 to read as follows:  
3     S 121. PROHIBITING ADVERTISING THAT PROMOTES THE USE OF DWELLING UNITS  
4     IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR OTHER THAN PERMANENT RESIDENCE  
5     PURPOSES. 1. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE OCCUPANCY OR USE OF  
6     DWELLING UNITS IN A CLASS A MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR OCCUPANCY THAT WOULD  
7     VIOLATE SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF SECTION FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER DEFINING A  
8     "CLASS A" MULTIPLE DWELLING AS A MULTIPLE DWELLING THAT IS OCCUPIED FOR  
9     PERMANENT RESIDENCE PURPOSES.  
10    2. ANY PERSON FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE  
11    OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE  
12    THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE  
13    SECOND VIOLATION AND SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE THIRD  
14    AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.  
15    3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "ADVERTISE" SHALL MEAN  
16    ANY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FOR MARKETING THAT IS USED TO ENCOURAGE,  
17    PERSUADE OR MANIPULATE VIEWERS, READERS OR LISTENERS INTO CONTRACTING  
18    FOR GOODS AND/OR SERVICES AS MAY BE VIEWED THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIA INCLUD-  
19    ING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, FLYERS, HANDBILLS, TELE-  
20    VISION COMMERCIALS, RADIO, SIGNAGE, DIRECT MAIL, WEBSITES OR TEXT  
21    MESSAGES.

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

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1 4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED THREE OF  
2 THIS CHAPTER, IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE THE  
3 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF  
4 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT.

5 S 2. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code  
6 of the city of New York is amended by adding a new article 18 to read as  
7 follows:

8 ARTICLE 18

9 UNLAWFUL ADVERTISEMENT FOR CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES

10 S 27-287.1 UNLAWFUL ADVERTISEMENT FOR CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES. 1. IT SHALL  
11 BE UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE OCCUPANCY OR USE OF DWELLING UNITS IN A CLASS A  
12 MULTIPLE DWELLING FOR OCCUPANCY THAT WOULD VIOLATE SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF  
13 SECTION FOUR OF THE MULTIPLE DWELLING LAW DEFINING A "CLASS A" MULTIPLE  
14 DWELLING AS A MULTIPLE DWELLING THAT IS OCCUPIED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE  
15 PURPOSES.

16 2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE MAYOR'S  
17 OFFICE OF SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT. ANY PERSON FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE  
18 PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A  
19 CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST  
20 VIOLATION, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE SECOND VIOLATION AND SEVEN  
21 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.

22 3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE TERM "ADVERTISE" SHALL MEAN  
23 ANY FORM OF COMMUNICATION, PROMOTION OR SOLICITATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
24 LIMITED TO DIRECT MAIL, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, FLYERS, HANDBILLS, TELE-  
25 VISION COMMERCIALS, RADIO, SIGNAGE, DIRECT MAIL, WEBSITES, TEXT MESSAGES  
26 OR SIMILAR DISPLAYS, INTENDED OR USED TO INDUCE, ENCOURAGE OR PERSUADE  
27 THE PUBLIC TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR GOODS AND/OR SERVICES.

28 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.