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Introduced by Sen. BOYLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to establishing the lease and landlord fraud public awareness program to promote public awareness of the potential risks of signing a fraudulent lease with an individual misrepresenting themselves as a landlord

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

Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 20-a to read as follows:

S 20-A. LEASE AND LANDLORD FRAUD PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM. 1. THE LEASE AND LANDLORD FRAUD PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DIVISION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF SIGNING A FRAUDULENT LEASE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL MISREPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS A LANDLORD.

2. THE DIVISION SHALL:

A. DEVELOP A PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WRITTEN MATERIALS AND BROCHURES TO PROMOTE LEASE AND LANDLORD FRAUD AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON FRAUDULENT LEASES AND INDIVIDUALS MISREPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS LANDLORDS; AND

B. DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND BROCHURES WHICH SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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