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AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to requiring a manufactured home park owner or operator to give every manufactured home resident a copy of their resident's bill of rights

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 233 of the real property law, as amended by chapter 566 of the laws of 1996, paragraph 6 of subdivision b as amended and subdivision x as added by chapter 561 of the laws of 2008, paragraph 1 of subdivision f as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 1998, paragraph 5 of subdivision f as added by chapter 103 of the laws of 1996, subdivision w as amended by section 18 of part B of chapter 389 of the laws of 1997, and paragraph 3-a of subdivision w as added by chapter 405 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

§ 233. Manufactured home parks; duties, responsibilities. a. Wherever used in this section:

1. The term "manufactured home [~~tenant~~ resident" means one who rents space in a manufactured home park from a manufactured home park owner or operator for the purpose of parking his or her manufactured home or one who rents a manufactured home in a manufactured home park from a manufactured home park owner or operator.

2. The term "manufactured home owner" means one who holds title to a manufactured home.

3. The term "manufactured home park" means a contiguous parcel of privately owned land which is used for the accommodation of three or more manufactured homes occupied for year-round living.

4. The term "manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or forty body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on

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

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1 a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or with-
2 out a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and
3 includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems
4 contained therein; except that such term shall include a "mobile home"
5 as defined in paragraph five of this subdivision, and shall include a
6 structure which meets all the requirements of this subdivision except
7 the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer volun-
8 tarily files a certification required by the secretary of housing and
9 urban development.

10 5. The term "mobile home" means a moveable or portable unit, manufac-
11 tured prior to January first, nineteen hundred seventy-six, designed and
12 constructed to be towed on its own chassis, comprised of frame and
13 wheels, connected to utilities, and designed and constructed without a
14 permanent foundation for year-round living. A unit may contain parts
15 that may be folded, collapsed or telescoped when being towed and
16 expanded later to provide additional cubic capacity as well as two or
17 more separately towable components designed to be joined into one inte-
18 gral unit capable of being again separated into the components for
19 repeated towing. "Mobile home" shall mean units designed to be used
20 exclusively for residential purposes, excluding travel trailers.

21 6. The term "resident's bill of rights" means a document published and
22 disseminated by the division of housing and community renewal setting
23 forth the provisions of this section.

24 b. A manufactured home park owner or operator may not evict a manufac-
25 tured home [~~tenant~~] resident other than for the following reasons:

26 1. The manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident continues in possession of
27 any portion of the premises after the expiration of his or her term
28 without the permission of the manufactured home park owner or operator.

29 2. The manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident has defaulted in the
30 payment of rent, pursuant to the agreement under which the premises are
31 held, and a demand of the rent with at least thirty days notice in writ-
32 ing has been served upon [~~him~~] such resident as prescribed in section
33 seven hundred thirty-five of the real property actions and proceedings
34 law. Upon the acceptance of such delinquent rent together with allowable
35 costs, an action instituted for nonpayment of rent shall be terminated.
36 Any person succeeding to the manufactured home park owner or operator's
37 interest in the premises may proceed under this subdivision for rent due
38 [~~his~~] the predecessor in interest if he or she has a right thereto.

39 3. The premises, or any part thereof, are used or occupied as a
40 bawdy-house, or house or place of assignation for lewd purposes or for
41 purposes of prostitution, or for any illegal trade or business.

42 4. The manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident is in violation of some
43 federal, state or local law or ordinance which may be deemed detrimental
44 to the safety and welfare of the other persons residing in the manufac-
45 tured home park.

46 5. The manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident or anyone occupying the
47 manufactured home is in violation of any lease term or rule or regu-
48 lation established by the manufactured home park owner or operator
49 pursuant to this section, and has continued in violation for more than
50 ten days after the manufactured home park owner or operator has given
51 written notice of such violation to the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resi-
52 dent setting forth the lease term or rule or regulation violated and
53 directing that the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident correct or cease
54 violation of such lease term or rule or regulation within ten days from
55 the receipt of said notice. Upon the expiration of such period should
56 the violation continue or should the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident

1 or anyone occupying the manufactured home be deemed a persistent viola-
2 tor of the lease term or rules and regulations, the park owner or opera-
3 tor may serve written notice upon the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resi-
4 dent directing that [~~he~~] such resident vacate the premises within thirty
5 days of the receipt of said notice.

6 6. (i) The manufactured home park owner or operator proposes a change
7 in the use of the land comprising the manufactured home park, or a
8 portion thereof, on which the manufactured home is located, from manu-
9 factured home lot rentals to some other use, provided the manufactured
10 home owner is given written notice of the proposed change of use and the
11 manufactured home owner's need to secure other accommodations. Whenever
12 a manufactured home park owner or operator gives a notice of proposed
13 change of use to any manufactured home owner, the manufactured home park
14 owner or operator shall, at the same time, give notice of the proposed
15 change of use to all other manufactured home owners in the manufactured
16 home park who will be required to secure other accommodations as a
17 result of such proposed change of use. Eviction proceedings based on a
18 change in use shall not be commenced prior to six months from the
19 service of notice of proposed change in use or the end of the lease
20 term, whichever is later. Such notice shall be served in the manner
21 prescribed in section seven hundred thirty-five of the real property
22 actions and proceedings law or by certified mail, return receipt
23 requested.

24 (ii) Where a purchaser of a manufactured home park certified that such
25 purchaser did not intend to change the use of the land pursuant to para-
26 graph (b) of subdivision two of section two hundred thirty-three-a of
27 this article, no eviction proceedings based on a change of use shall be
28 commenced until the expiration of sixty months from the date of the
29 closing on the sale of the park.

30 c. If the manufactured home park owner or operator does not have one
31 of the above grounds available, the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident
32 may raise the same by affirmative defense to an action for eviction.

33 d. The proceedings to evict shall be governed by the procedures set
34 forth in article seven of the real property actions and proceedings law,
35 except for the provisions of subdivision two of section seven hundred
36 forty-nine of the real property actions and proceedings law which shall
37 be superseded by the provisions of this subdivision.

38 1. The officer to whom the warrant is directed and delivered shall
39 give at least ninety days notice, in writing and in the manner
40 prescribed in article seven of the real property actions and proceedings
41 law for the service of notice of petition, to the person or persons to
42 be evicted or dispossessed and shall execute the warrant between the
43 hours of sunrise and sunset.

44 2. The court may order that such warrant be directed and delivered
45 with only thirty days written notice to the person or persons to be
46 evicted or dispossessed if the conditions upon which the eviction is
47 founded pose an imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the
48 other manufactured home [~~tenants~~] residents in the manufactured home
49 park.

50 3. The court shall order that such warrant be directed and delivered
51 with thirty days written notice to the person or persons to be evicted
52 or dispossessed if the condition upon which the eviction is founded is
53 that such person is in default in the payment of rent.

54 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs one and two of this
55 subdivision, nor of any other general, special or local law, rule or
56 regulation to the contrary, the officer to whom the warrant is directed

1 and delivered shall give seventy-two hours written notice to the person
2 or persons to be evicted or dispossessed, if such person or persons
3 rents a manufactured home in a manufactured home park from a manufac-
4 tured home park owner or operator and such officer shall execute such
5 warrant between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

6 e. ~~[Leases-]~~ 1. The manufactured home park owner or operator shall
7 offer every manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident prior to occupancy, the
8 opportunity to sign a lease for a minimum of one year, which offer shall
9 be made in writing.

10 2. (i) On or before, as appropriate, (a) the first day of October of
11 each calendar year with respect to a manufactured home owner then in
12 good standing who is not currently a party to a written lease with a
13 manufactured home park owner or operator or (b) the ninetieth day next
14 preceding the expiration date of any existing written lease between a
15 manufactured home owner then in good standing and a manufactured home
16 park owner or operator, the manufactured home park owner or operator
17 shall submit to each such manufactured home owner a written offer to
18 lease for a term of at least twelve months from the commencement date
19 thereof unless the manufactured home park owner or operator has previ-
20 ously furnished the manufactured home owner with written notification of
21 a proposed change of use pursuant to paragraph six of subdivision b of
22 this section. Any such offer shall include a copy of the proposed lease
23 containing such terms and conditions, including provisions for rent and
24 other charges, as the manufactured home park owner shall deem appropri-
25 ate; provided such terms and conditions are consistent with all rules
26 and regulations promulgated by the manufactured home park operator prior
27 to the date of the offer and are not otherwise prohibited or limited by
28 applicable law. Such offer shall also contain a statement advising the
29 manufactured home owner that if he or she fails to execute and return
30 the lease to the manufactured home park owner or operator within thirty
31 days after submission of such lease, the manufactured home owner shall
32 be deemed to have declined the offer of a lease and shall not have any
33 right to a lease from the manufactured home park owner or operator for
34 the next succeeding twelve months.

35 (ii) For purposes of this paragraph, a manufactured home owner shall
36 be deemed in good standing if he or she is not in default in the payment
37 of more than one month's rent to the manufactured home park owner, and
38 is not in violation of paragraph three, four or five of subdivision b of
39 this section. No manufactured home park owner or operator shall refuse
40 to provide a written offer to lease based on a default of rent payments
41 or a violation of paragraph three, four or five of subdivision b of this
42 section unless, at least thirty days prior to the last date on which the
43 owner or operator would otherwise be required to provide such written
44 offer to lease, the owner or operator notifies the manufactured home
45 owner, in writing, of the default in rent or the specific grounds
46 constituting the violation and such grounds continues up and until the
47 fifth calendar day immediately preceding the last date on which the
48 written offer would otherwise be required to be made.

49 (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, the commencement date of any
50 lease offered by the manufactured home park owner to the manufactured
51 home owner shall be the ninetieth day after the date upon which the
52 manufactured home park owner shall have provided the offer required
53 pursuant to this paragraph; provided, however, that no such lease shall
54 be effective if, on such commencement date, the manufactured home owner
55 is in default of more than one month's rent. In the event the manufac-
56 tured home owner shall have failed to execute and return said lease to

1 the manufactured home park owner or operator within thirty days after it
2 is submitted to the manufactured home owner as required by subparagraph
3 (i) of this paragraph the manufactured home owner shall be deemed to
4 have declined to enter said lease.

5 3. No lease provision shall be inconsistent with any rule or regu-
6 lation in effect at the commencement of the lease.

7 f. ~~[Rules and regulations.]~~ 1. A manufactured home park owner or oper-
8 ator may promulgate rules and regulations governing the rental or occu-
9 pancy of a manufactured home lot provided such rules and regulations
10 shall not be unreasonable, arbitrary or capricious. A copy of all rules
11 and regulations shall be delivered by the manufactured home park owner
12 or operator to all manufactured home ~~[tenants]~~ residents at the same
13 time such owner or operator initially offers the written lease provided
14 for in subdivision e of this section. A copy of the rules and regu-
15 lations shall be posted in a conspicuous place upon the manufactured
16 home park grounds.

17 2. If a rule or regulation is not applied uniformly to all manufac-
18 tured home ~~[tenants]~~ residents of the manufactured home park there shall
19 be a rebuttable presumption that such rule or regulation is unreason-
20 able, arbitrary and capricious, provided, however, that an inconsistency
21 between a rule or regulation and a lease term contained in a lease
22 signed before the date the rule or regulation is effective shall not
23 raise a rebuttable presumption that such rule is unreasonable, arbitrary
24 or capricious.

25 3. Any rule or regulation which does not conform to the requirements
26 of this section or which has not been supplied or posted as required by
27 paragraph one of this subdivision shall be unenforceable and may be
28 raised by the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident as an affirmative
29 defense in any action to evict on the basis of a violation of such rule
30 or regulation.

31 4. No rules or regulations may be changed by the manufactured home
32 park owner or operator without specifying the date of implementation of
33 said changed rules and regulations, which date shall be no fewer than
34 thirty days after written notice to all ~~[tenants]~~ residents.

35 5. A ~~[mobile]~~ manufactured home park owner or operator may not prohib-
36 it the placement of a for sale sign on any ~~[mobile]~~ manufactured home. A
37 rule or regulation may be promulgated limiting the maximum size of such
38 sign; provided, that it does not prohibit signs the size of which do not
39 exceed the smaller of three feet by two feet or the maximum size allowed
40 by law or governmental regulation or ordinance, if any.

41 g. 1. No ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall be charged a fee for other than rent,
42 utilities and charges for facilities and services available to the
43 ~~[tenant]~~ resident. All fees, charges or assessments must be reasonably
44 related to services actually rendered.

45 2. A manufactured home park owner or operator shall be required to
46 fully disclose in writing all fees, charges, assessments, including
47 rental fees, rules and regulations prior to a manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~
48 resident assuming occupancy in the manufactured home park.

49 3. No fees, charges, assessments or rental fees may be increased by a
50 manufactured home park owner or operator without specifying the date of
51 implementation of said fees, charges, assessments or rental fees which
52 date shall be no less than ninety days after written notice to all manu-
53 factured home ~~[tenants]~~ residents. Failure on the part of the manufac-
54 tured home park owner or operator to fully disclose all fees, charges or
55 assessments shall prevent the manufactured home park owner or operator
56 from collecting said fees, charges or assessments, and refusal by the

1 manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident to pay any undisclosed charges shall
2 not be used by the manufactured home park owner or operator as a cause
3 for eviction in any court of law.

4 4. (a) Whenever money shall be deposited or advanced on a contract or
5 license agreement for the use or rental of premises and the manufactured
6 home, if rented, in a manufactured home park as security for performance
7 of the contract or agreement or to be applied to payments upon such
8 contract or agreement when due, such money with interest accruing there-
9 on, if any, until repaid or so applied, shall continue to be the money
10 of the person making such deposit or advance and shall be a trust fund
11 in the possession of the person with whom such deposit or advance shall
12 be made and shall not be mingled with other funds or become an asset of
13 the park owner, operator or his or her agent.

14 (b) Whenever the person receiving money so deposited or advanced shall
15 deposit such money in a banking organization, such person shall thereup-
16 on notify in writing each of the persons making such security deposit or
17 advance, giving the name and address of the banking organization in
18 which the deposit of security money is made, and the amount of such
19 deposit. Deposits in a banking organization pursuant to the provisions
20 of this subdivision shall be made in a banking organization having a
21 place of business within the state. If the person depositing such secu-
22 rity money in a banking organization shall deposit same in an interest
23 bearing account, he or she shall be entitled to receive, as adminis-
24 tration expenses, a sum equivalent to one percent per annum upon the
25 security money so deposited, which shall be in lieu of all other admin-
26 istrative and custodial expenses. The balances of the interest paid by
27 the banking organization shall be the money of the person making the
28 deposit or advance and shall either be held in trust by the person with
29 whom such deposit or advance shall be made, until repaid or applied for
30 the use or rental of the leased premises, or annually paid to the person
31 making the deposit of security money.

32 (c) Whenever the money so deposited or advanced is for the rental of a
33 manufactured home park lot on property on which are located six or more
34 manufactured home park lots, the person receiving such money shall,
35 subject to the provisions of this section, deposit it in an interest
36 bearing account in a banking organization within the state which account
37 shall earn interest at a rate which shall be the prevailing rate earned
38 by other such deposits made with the banking organizations in such area.

39 (d) In the event that a lease terminates other than at the time that a
40 banking organization in such area regularly pays interest, the person
41 depositing such security money shall pay over to his or her manufactured
42 home [~~tenant~~] resident such interest as he or she is able to collect at
43 the date of such lease termination.

44 (e) Any provision of such a contract or agreement whereby a person who
45 so deposits or advances money waives any provision of this subdivision
46 is void.

47 h. No manufactured home park owner shall:

48 1. Require a manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident therein to purchase
49 from said manufactured home park owner or operator skirting or equipment
50 for tying down manufactured homes, or any other equipment. However, the
51 manufactured home park owner or operator may determine by rule or regu-
52 lation the style or quality of such equipment to be purchased by the
53 manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident from the vendor of the manufactured
54 home [~~tenant's~~] resident's choosing, providing such equipment is readily
55 available.

2. Charge any manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident who chooses to install an electric or gas appliance in his or her manufactured home an additional fee solely on the basis of such installation unless such installation is performed by the manufactured home park owner or operator at the request of the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident, nor shall the manufactured home park owner or operator restrict the installation, service or maintenance of any such appliance, restrict the ingress or egress of repairers to enter the manufactured home park for the purpose of installation, service or maintenance of any such appliance, or restrict the making of any interior improvement in such manufactured home, so long as such an installation or improvement is in compliance with applicable building codes and other provisions of law and further provided that adequate utilities are available for such installation or improvement.

3. Require, by contract, rule, regulation or otherwise, a manufactured home dweller to purchase from the manufactured home park owner or any person acting directly or indirectly on behalf of the park owner, commodities or services incidental to placement or rental within such park; nor shall the park owner restrict access to the manufactured home park to any person employed, retained or requested by the manufactured home dweller to provide such commodity or service, unless the manufactured home park owner establishes that such requirement or restriction is necessary to protect the property of such park owner from substantial harm or impairment.

4. Require a manufactured home owner or a prospective manufactured home owner to purchase his or her manufactured home from the manufactured home park owner or operator, or from any person or persons designated by the manufactured home park owner or operator. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a manufactured home park owner or operator from requiring that any new manufactured home to be installed in his or her manufactured home park comply with the rules and regulations of said manufactured home park or conform to the physical facilities then existing for installation of a manufactured home in said manufactured home park.

i. 1. No manufactured home park owner or operator shall deny any manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident the right to sell his or her manufactured home within the manufactured home park provided the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident shall give to the manufactured home park owner or operator twenty days' written notice of his or her intention to sell, provided that if the manufactured home owner is deceased no such notice shall be required from the administrator or executor of the home owner's estate, and provided further that no manufactured home park owner or operator shall restrict access to the manufactured home park to any potential purchaser or representatives of any seller unless the manufactured home park owner establishes that such restriction is necessary to protect the property of such park owner or operator from substantial harm or impairment. No manufactured home park owner or operator shall require the manufactured home owner or subsequent purchaser to remove the manufactured home from the manufactured home park solely on the basis of the sale thereof. The manufactured home park owner or operator may reserve the right to approve the purchaser of said manufactured home as a manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident for the remainder of the seller's or deceased [~~tenant's~~] resident's term but such permission may not be unreasonably withheld. If the manufactured home park owner or operator unreasonably withholds his or her permission or unreasonably restricts access to the manufactured home park, the manufactured home

1 [tenant] resident or the executor or administrator of a deceased
2 [tenant's] resident's estate may recover the costs of the proceedings
3 and attorneys' fees if it is found that the manufactured home park owner
4 or operator acted in bad faith by withholding permission or restricting
5 access.

6 2. The manufactured home park owner or operator shall not exact a
7 commission or fee with respect to the price realized by the seller
8 unless the manufactured home park owner or operator has acted as agent
9 for the manufactured home owner in the sale pursuant to a written
10 contract.

11 3. If the ownership or management rejects a purchaser as a prospective
12 [tenant] resident, the selling [tenant] resident must be informed in
13 writing of the reasons therefor.

14 j. The owner or operator of a manufactured home park may enter a manu-
15 factured home owner's manufactured home without the prior consent of the
16 occupant only in case of emergency. The owner or operator of a manufac-
17 tured home park may enter a manufactured home [tenant's] resident's
18 manufactured home during reasonable hours on reasonable notice.

19 k. The owner or operator shall provide reasonable notice where practi-
20 cable to all manufactured home [tenants] residents who would be affected
21 by any planned disruption of necessary services caused by the owner,
22 operator or his or her agent.

23 l. The park owner shall designate an agent on the premises or in close
24 proximity to the manufactured home park to insure the availability of
25 emergency response actions in matters affecting the health, safety,
26 well-being and welfare of manufactured home [tenants] residents in the
27 park. The designated agent's name, address and telephone number shall be
28 posted in a conspicuous location in the park, given in writing to each
29 [tenant] resident and registered with appropriate county law enforcement
30 and health officials and local fire officials.

31 m. ~~[Warranty of habitability, maintenance, disruption of services.]~~ In
32 every written or oral lease or rental agreement entered into by a manu-
33 factured home [tenant] resident, the manufactured home park owner or
34 operator shall be deemed to covenant and warrant that the premises so
35 leased or rented and the manufactured home if rented and all areas used
36 in connection therewith in common with other manufactured home [tenants
37 or] residents including all roads within the manufactured home park are
38 fit for human habitation and for the uses reasonably intended by the
39 parties and that the occupants of such premises and such manufactured
40 homes if rented shall not be subjected to any conditions which would be
41 dangerous, hazardous or detrimental to their life, health or safety.
42 When any such condition has been caused by the misconduct of the manu-
43 factured home [tenant] resident or lessee or persons under his or her
44 direction or control, it shall not constitute a breach of such covenants
45 and warranties. The rights and obligations of the manufactured home park
46 owner or operator and the manufactured home [tenant] resident shall be
47 governed by the provisions of this subdivision and subdivisions two and
48 three of section two hundred thirty-five-b of this article.

49 n. 1. No manufactured home park owner or operator shall serve a notice
50 to quit upon any manufactured home [tenant] resident or commence any
51 action to recover real property or summary proceeding to recover
52 possession of real property in retaliation for:

53 (a) A good faith complaint, by or in behalf of the [tenant] resident,
54 to a governmental authority of the manufactured home park owner's or
55 operator's alleged violation of any health or safety law, regulation,

1 code, or ordinance, or any law or regulation which has as its objective
2 the regulation of premises used for dwelling purposes; or

3 (b) Actions taken in good faith, by or in behalf of the manufactured
4 home [~~tenant~~] resident, to secure or enforce any rights under the lease
5 or rental agreement, under subdivision m of this section and subdivi-
6 sions two and three of section two hundred thirty-five-b of this arti-
7 cle, or under any other local law, law of the state of New York, or of
8 its governmental subdivisions, or of the United States which has as its
9 objective the regulation of premises used for dwelling purposes; or

10 (c) The manufactured home [~~tenant's~~] resident's participation in the
11 activities of a [~~tenant's~~] resident's organization.

12 2. No manufactured home park owner or operator shall substantially
13 alter the terms of the tenancy in retaliation for any actions set forth
14 in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of paragraph one of this subdivision.
15 Substantial alteration shall include, but is not limited to, the refusal
16 to continue a tenancy of the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident or,
17 upon expiration of the manufactured home owner's lease, to renew the
18 lease or offer a new lease; provided, however, that a manufactured home
19 park owner or operator shall not be required under this subdivision to
20 offer a manufactured home owner a new lease or a lease renewal for a
21 term greater than one year.

22 3. This subdivision shall apply to all manufactured home parks with
23 four or more manufactured homes. However, its provisions shall not be
24 given effect in any case in which it is established that the condition
25 from which the complaint or action arose was caused by the manufactured
26 home [~~tenant~~] resident, a member of the manufactured home [~~tenant's~~]
27 resident's household, or a guest of the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resi-
28 dent. Nor shall it apply in a case where a tenancy was terminated
29 pursuant to the terms of a lease as a result of a bona fide transfer of
30 ownership. The rights and obligations of the manufactured home park
31 owner or operator and the manufactured home [~~tenant~~] resident shall be
32 governed by the provisions of this subdivision and subdivisions three,
33 four and five of section two hundred twenty-three-b of this article.

34 o. Whenever a lease shall provide that in any action or summary
35 proceeding the manufactured home park owner or operator may recover
36 attorney's fees and/or expenses incurred as the result of the failure of
37 the [~~tenant~~] resident to perform any covenant or agreement contained in
38 such lease, or that amounts paid by the manufactured home park owner or
39 operator therefor shall be paid by the [~~tenant~~] resident as additional
40 rent, there shall be implied in such lease a covenant by the manufac-
41 tured home park owner or operator, to pay to the [~~tenant~~] resident the
42 reasonable attorney's fees and/or expenses incurred by the [~~tenant~~]
43 resident to the same extent as is provided in section two hundred thir-
44 ty-four of this article which section shall apply in its entirety.

45 p. Any manufactured home park owner or operator who has agreed to
46 provide hot or cold water, heat, light, power, or any other service or
47 facility to any occupant of the manufactured home park who willfully or
48 intentionally without just cause fails to furnish such water, heat,
49 light, power, or other service or facility, or who interferes with the
50 quiet enjoyment of the leased premises, is guilty of a violation.

51 q. Upon receipt of rent, fees, charges or other assessments, in the
52 form of cash or any instrument other than the personal check of the
53 [~~tenant~~] resident, it shall be the duty of the manufactured home park
54 owner or operator to provide the payor with a written receipt containing
55 the following:

56 1. the date;

2. the amount;
3. the identity of the premises and the period for which paid;
4. the signature and title of the person receiving rent.

r. ~~[Limitation on late charges.]~~ A late charge on any rental payment by a manufactured home owner which has become due and remains unpaid shall not exceed and shall be enforced to the extent of five percent of such delinquent payment; provided, however, that no charge shall be imposed on any rental payment by a manufactured home owner received within ten days after the due date. In the absence of a specific provision in the lease or the manufactured home park's rules and regulations, no late charge on any delinquent rental payment shall be assessed or collected.

s. It shall be a violation for a manufactured home park owner, operator or his or her agent to restrict occupancy of a manufactured home or manufactured home park lot intended for residential purposes by express lease terms or otherwise, to a manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident or ~~[tenants]~~ residents or to such ~~[tenants]~~ residents and immediate family. Any such restriction in a lease or rental agreement entered into or renewed before or after the effective date of this subdivision shall be unenforceable as against public policy. The rights and obligations of a manufactured home park owner or operator and the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall be governed by the provisions of this subdivision and subdivisions one, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine of section two hundred thirty-five-f of this article.

t. 1. Unless a greater right to assign is conferred by the lease, a manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident may not assign his or her lease without the written consent of the manufactured home park owner or operator, which consent may be unconditionally withheld without cause provided that the manufactured home park owner or operator shall release the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident from the lease upon request of the mobile home ~~[tenant]~~ resident upon thirty days notice if the manufactured home park owner or operator unreasonably withholds consent which release shall be the sole remedy of the ~~[tenant]~~ resident. If the owner reasonably withholds consent, there shall be no assignment and the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall not be released from the lease.

2. (a) A manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident renting space or a manufactured home in a manufactured home park with four or more manufactured homes pursuant to an existing lease shall have a right to sublease his or her premises subject to the written consent of the park owner in advance of the subletting. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(b) The manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall inform the manufactured home park owner or operator of his or her intent to sublease by mailing a notice of such intent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such request shall be accompanied by the following information: (i) the term of the sublease, (ii) the name of the proposed sublessee, (iii) the business and permanent home address of the proposed sublessee, (iv) the ~~[tenant's]~~ resident's reason for subletting, (v) the ~~[tenant's]~~ resident's address for the term of the sublease, (vi) the written consent of any ~~[co-tenant]~~ co-resident or guarantor of the lease, and (vii) a copy of the proposed sublease, to which a copy of the manufactured home ~~[tenant's]~~ resident's lease shall be attached if available, acknowledged by the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident and proposed ~~[subtenant]~~ subresident as being a true copy of such sublease.

(c) Within ten days after the mailing of such request, the manufactured home park owner or operator may ask the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident for additional information as will enable the manufactured home park owner or operator to determine if rejection of such request shall be unreasonable. Any such request for additional information shall not be unduly burdensome. Within thirty days after the mailing of the request for consent, or of the additional information reasonably asked for by the manufactured home park owner or operator, whichever is later, the manufactured home park owner or operator shall send a notice to the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident of his or her consent or, if he or she does not consent, his or her reasons therefor. Manufactured home park owner's or operator's failure to send such a notice shall be deemed to be a consent to the proposed subletting. If the manufactured home park owner or operator consents, the premises may be sublet in accordance with the request, but the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident thereunder, shall nevertheless remain liable for the performance of manufactured home ~~[tenant's]~~ resident's obligations under said lease. If the manufactured home park owner or operator reasonably withholds consent, there shall be no subletting and the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall not be released from the lease. If the manufactured home park owner or operator unreasonably withholds consent, the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident may sublet in accordance with the request and may recover the costs of the proceeding and attorneys fees if it is found that the manufactured home park owner or operator acted in bad faith by withholding consent. The rights and obligations of the manufactured home park owner or operator and the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident shall be governed by the provisions of this subdivision and subdivisions three, five, six, seven and eight of section two hundred twenty-six-b of this article.

u. In the event of a breach by a manufactured home park owner or operator of any of the requirements of this section, the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident may commence an action for damages actually incurred as a result of such breach, or in an action or summary proceeding commenced by such manufactured home park owner or operator, may counterclaim for damages occasioned by such breach.

v. On and after April first, nineteen hundred eighty-nine, the commissioner of housing and community renewal shall have the power and duty to enforce and ensure compliance with the provisions of this section. However, the commissioner shall not have the power or duty to enforce manufactured home park rules and regulations established under subdivision f of this section. On or before January first, nineteen hundred eighty-nine, each manufactured home park owner or operator shall file a registration statement with the commissioner and shall thereafter file an annual registration statement on or before January first of each succeeding year. The commissioner, by regulation, shall provide that such registration statement shall include only the names of all persons owning an interest in the park, the names of all ~~[tenants]~~ residents of the park, all services provided by the park owner to the ~~[tenants]~~ residents and a copy of all current manufactured home park rules and regulations. Whenever there shall be a violation of this section, an application may be made by the commissioner of housing and community renewal in the name of the people of the state of New York to a court or justice having jurisdiction by a special proceeding to issue an injunction, and upon notice to the defendant of not less than five days, to enjoin and restrain the continuance of such violation; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or justice that the defendant has, in

fact, violated this section, an injunction may be issued by such court or justice, enjoining and restraining any further violation and with respect to this subdivision, directing the filing of a registration statement. In any such proceeding, the court may make allowances to the commissioner of housing and community renewal of a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars against each defendant, and direct restitution. Whenever the court shall determine that a violation of this section has occurred, the court may impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars for each violation. Such penalty shall be deposited in the manufactured home cooperative fund, created pursuant to section fifty-nine-h of the private housing finance law. In connection with any such proposed application, the commissioner of housing and community renewal is authorized to take proof and make a determination of the relevant facts and to issue subpoenas in accordance with the civil practice law and rules. The provisions of this subdivision shall not impair the rights granted under subdivision u of this section.

w. ~~[Real property tax payments.]~~ 1. A manufactured home park owner, operator or the agent of such owner or operator shall reduce the annual rent paid by a manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident for use of the land upon which such manufactured home sits in an amount equal to the total of the real property taxes actually paid by such manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident for such manufactured home plus the amount by which the taxes on such manufactured home were reduced as a result of the partial real property tax exemption granted to the manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident pursuant to article four of the real property tax law, provided such manufactured home ~~[tenant]~~ resident:

(a) owns a manufactured home which is separately assessed, subject to the provisions of paragraph two of this subdivision;

(b) is entitled to and actually receives a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to article four of the real property tax law; and

(c) pays the real property taxes due on such home.

2. In the case of a manufactured home which is not separately assessed, but which is entitled to and actually receives the school tax relief (STAR) exemption authorized by section four hundred twenty-five of the real property tax law, the ~~[tenant]~~ resident of such manufactured home shall be entitled to a rent reduction pursuant to this subdivision to the same extent as a ~~[tenant]~~ resident of a manufactured home which satisfies the criteria set forth in paragraph one of this subdivision. Such rent reduction shall be equal to the amount by which the taxes on such manufactured home were reduced as a result of such exemption.

3. A manufactured home park owner or operator providing a reduction in rent as required by paragraph one or two of this subdivision may retain, in consideration for record keeping expenses, two percent of the amount of such reduction.

3-a. Any reduction required to be provided pursuant to paragraph one or two of this subdivision shall be provided as follows:

(a) a reduction in monthly rent (prorating the reduction in twelve parts) shall take effect upon the first monthly rental payment due sixty days after the last date for the payment of real property taxes with no penalty or interest for lateness and shall be extended to the next eleven monthly payments thereafter; or

(b) with the consent of the manufactured home park owner, operator, or agent of such owner or operator, a reduction in rent may be offset in the entire amount of such reduction against the first monthly rental payment due sixty days after the last date for the payment of real property taxes with no penalty or interest for lateness, and the balance

1 thereof, if any, may be offset against the monthly rental payments for
2 succeeding months, until exhausted; or

3 (c) at the election of the manufactured home park owner, operator, or
4 agent of such owner or operator, the total amount of such reduction in
5 rent may be paid to the [~~tenant~~] resident no later than sixty days after
6 the last date for the payment of real property taxes with no penalty or
7 interest for lateness.

8 4. The failure of a manufactured home park owner or operator to comply
9 with the provisions of this subdivision shall be a violation punishable
10 by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation.

11 x. 1. Rent and other fees, charges and assessments may not be
12 increased by a manufactured home park owner or operator more than once
13 in any year.

14 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph one of this subdivi-
15 sion, if a fee, charge, or assessment in effect at the commencement of a
16 lease or tenancy is for goods or services provided by a party unrelated
17 to and not controlled by the manufactured home park owner or operator,
18 the manufactured home park owner or operator may, upon the notice
19 required in this section, provide for the pass-along to the manufactured
20 home tenant of any increases in such fee, charge or assessment.

21 3. Any agreement modifying any of the rights set forth in this subdivi-
22 sion shall be void as contrary to public policy.

23 y. A manufactured home park owner or operator shall offer every manu-
24 factured home resident prior to occupancy a written copy of the resi-
25 dent's bill of rights. The resident's bill of rights shall be created
26 and disseminated by the division of housing and community renewal. A
27 copy of the resident's bill of rights shall be posted in a conspicuous
28 place upon the manufactured home park grounds.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
30 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
31 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
32 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is
33 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
34 effective date.