STATE OF NEW YORK

IN ASSEMBLY

March 12, 2020

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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a toll-free hotline for complainants of housing discrimination and providing for the discretionary revocation or suspension of an individual's real estate license upon a finding of unlawful housing discrimination

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

1   Section 1. Section 295 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 17 to read as follows:
3   **17. To establish a toll-free hotline to provide individuals with**
4 **complaints of housing discrimination counsel and assistance. The division**
5 **sion shall operate this hotline during regular business hours and**
6 **disseminate information about this hotline in order to ensure public**
7 **knowledge of the hotline, including having every office engaged in the**
8 **practice of real estate transaction conspicuously post the hotline**
9 **number in the public area of its office.**
10   § 2. Section 297 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
11 subdivision 11 to read as follows:
12   **11. If, upon all the evidence at a hearing pursuant to subdivision**
13 **four of this section, the division shall find that a real estate broker**
14 **or salesperson has engaged in any unlawful housing discrimination pursu-**
15 **ant to section two hundred ninety-six of this article, the division may**
16 **revoke the license of such real estate broker or salesperson or suspend**
17 **the same, for such a period as the division shall deem proper.**
18   § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
21 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
22 completed on or before such effective date.