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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. QUART, BICHOTTE, JEAN-PIERRE -- Multi-Sponsored  
by -- M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a pilot  
program to create a legal hotline for tenants

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 75 to  
read as follows:

§ 75. Legal hotline for tenants pilot program. 1. The attorney general  
shall establish a pilot program to create a legal hotline for tenants.  
The pilot program shall be administered by the attorney general.

2. The attorney general shall recruit attorneys to participate in the  
program. Attorneys will not be committed to representing any tenants  
that they advise through the program.

3. The legal hotline for tenants shall be accessible via a toll-free  
phone number that operates, at a minimum, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday  
through Friday.

4. Tenants shall call the hotline and describe their problem to an  
intake counselor, who shall refer the tenants to an appropriate and  
available volunteer attorney. After the referral, the attorney shall  
contact and advise the tenant.

5. All costs of the pilot program shall be paid for by the New York  
interest on lawyer account fund, pursuant to section ninety-seven-v of  
the state finance law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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