STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 23, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. DILAN, TITUS -- (at request of the Division of Human Rights) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to clarifying that reasonable accommodation to enable a person with a disability to use and enjoy a dwelling includes the use of an animal to alleviate the symptoms or effects of a disability

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph (d) of subdivision 2-a of section 296 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(2) To refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, **including the use of an animal as a reasonable accommodation to alleviate symptoms or effects of a disability, and** including reasonable modification to common use portions of the dwelling, or

§ 2. Paragraph 2 of subdivision 18 of section 296 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(2) To refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford said person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, **including the use of an animal as a reasonable accommodation to alleviate symptoms or effects of a disability, and** including reasonable modification to common use portions of the dwelling, or

§ 3. 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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