

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 1, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to prohibiting landlords from including additional services in a tenant's base rent

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

1 Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section  
2 220-a to read as follows:

3 § 220-a. Base rent and nonessential services. 1. For the purposes of  
4 this section, "nonessential services" shall include cable television,  
5 internet services and garage usage.

6 2. Landlords shall be prohibited from including nonessential services  
7 as a condition of leasing a dwelling in a primary written or oral lease  
8 agreement.

9 3. Nonessential services may be provided by landlords, if the tenant  
10 agrees to have such nonessential services. Any services provided in this  
11 manner and the terms of use shall be set forth in a written or oral  
12 agreement, which shall be a separate agreement from the primary lease  
13 agreement and shall not affect the validity or application of the prima-  
14 ry lease agreement.

15 4. Any agreement provision contained in a lease for a residential  
16 dwelling that requires payment for nonessential services as set forth in  
17 this section shall be void as contrary to public policy.

18 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to buildings that  
19 contain less than three dwelling units.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law, provided, however, that this act shall only apply to  
22 lease agreements signed on or after such effective date.

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

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