STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 20, 2019

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- (at request of the Division of Human Rights) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing that there is no exemption from the requirement of nondiscrimination in advertisements and inquiries for the rental of an apartment in an owner-occupied two-unit dwelling, or for the rental of rooms in an owner-occupied dwelling, and that engaging in discriminatory advertising or inquiries will cause the property to no longer be exempt from full coverage by the nondiscrimination provisions of the human rights law

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

1 Section 1. The closing paragraph of subparagraph 3 of paragraph (a) of 2 subdivision 5 of section 296 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 3 8 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows: 4 (4) (i) The provisions of subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph [(+)] shall not apply [(+)] to the rental of a housing accommodation in 5 a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than two 6 7 families living independently of each other, if the owner resides in one 8 of such housing accommodations [, (2) to the restriction of the rental of all rooms in a housing accommodation to individuals of the same sex or 9 10 (3) to the rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation, if such

rental is by the occupant of the housing accommodation or by the owner 11 of the housing accommodation and the owner resides in such housing 12

accommodation or (4) solely with respect to age and familial status to 13

14 the restriction of the sale, rental or lease of housing accommodations 15 exclusively to persons sixty-two years of age or older and the spouse of

16 any such person, or for housing intended and operated for occupancy by 17

at least one person fifty-five years of age or older per unit. In deter-

18 mining whether housing is intended and operated for occupancy by persons 19 fifty-five years of age or older, Sec. 807(b) (2) (c) (42 U.S.C. 3607

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

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1	(b) (2) (c)) of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1988, as amended, shall
2	apply]. However, such rental property shall no longer be exempt from the
3	provisions of such subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph if there
4	is unlawful discriminatory conduct pursuant to subparagraph three of
5	this paragraph.
6	(ii) The provisions of subparagraphs one, two and three of this para-
7	graph shall not apply (A) to the restriction of the rental of all rooms
8	in a housing accommodation to individuals of the same sex, (B) to the
9	rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation, if such rental is
10	by the occupant of the housing accommodation or by the owner of the
11	housing accommodation and the owner resides in such housing accommo-
12	dation, or (C) solely with respect to age and familial status to the
13	restriction of the sale, rental or lease of housing accommodations
14	exclusively to persons sixty-two years of age or older and the spouse of
15	any such person, or for housing intended and operated for occupancy by
16	at least one person fifty-five years of age or older per unit. In deter-
17	mining whether housing is intended and operated for occupancy by persons
18	fifty-five years of age or older, Sec. 807(b) (2) (c) (42 U.S.C. 3607
19	(b) (2) (c)) of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1988, as amended, shall
20	apply.
21	§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
22	manner as section 11 of chapter 8 of the laws of 2019.