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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 21, 2019

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- (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 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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