

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 23, 2019

Introduced by Sen. BENJAMIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the disclosure of disabled tenants' rights to reasonable accommodations

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

1 Section 1. Section 296 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

3 2-b. Every owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, or managing agent of
4 publicly-assisted housing accommodations or other person having the
5 right of ownership or possession of or the right to rent or lease such
6 accommodations shall disclose to all tenants and prospective tenants of
7 their right to request reasonable modifications and accommodations if
8 they have a disability pursuant to subdivision two-a of this section.
9 Such disclosure shall be made in writing in such form and manner as the
10 division may by regulation prescribe and provided to all current tenants
11 within thirty days of the beginning of their tenancy, or thirty days
12 from the effective date of this subdivision for current tenants. Such
13 disclosure shall also be conspicuously posted in such form and manner as
14 the division may by regulation prescribe on every vacant publicly-as-
15 sisted housing accommodation that is available for rent.

16 § 2. Section 296 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision 18-a to read as follows:

18 18-a. Every owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, or managing agent of,
19 or other person having the right of ownership of or possession of or the
20 right to rent or lease housing accommodations shall disclose to all
21 tenants and prospective tenants of their right to request reasonable
22 modifications and accommodations if they have a disability pursuant to
23 subdivision eighteen of this section. Such disclosure shall be made in

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

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1 writing in such form and manner as the division may by regulation
2 prescribe and provided to all current tenants within thirty days of the
3 beginning of their tenancy, or thirty days from the effective date of
4 this subdivision for current tenants. Such disclosure shall also be
5 conspicuously posted in such form and manner as the division may by
6 regulation prescribe on every vacant housing accommodation that is
7 available for rent.

8 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law.