STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 16, 2020

Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to mitigate the continuing threat to public health arising from COVID-19 by ensuring that New Yorkers are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that as an essential part of the state's efforts to mitigate the continuing threat to public health arising from the widespread outbreak of the coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19, it is necessary to ensure that New Yorkers are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing or summoned before a court to defend their right to continued occupancy of their housing.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary:

1. No court shall accept any applications for eviction proceedings, or issue a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant on or before September 20, 2020. All eviction proceedings against residential tenants or other lawful residential occupants shall be suspended statewide until after September 20, 2020.

2. No sheriff or marshal shall execute a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant on or before September 20, 2020. Any court that has issued a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residential occupant shall stay the execution of such warrant of eviction or judgment of possession until after September 20, 2020.

§ 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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