STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 24, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. ASHBY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to adding veterans to protected classes for unlawful housing discrimination

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

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

2-b. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for the owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, or managing agent of publicly-assisted housing accommodations or other person having the right of ownership or possession of or the right to rent or lease such accommodations to refuse to sell, rent or lease or otherwise to deny to or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations because of such person's status as a veteran.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 296 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(h) It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any person offering or providing housing accommodations, land or commercial space as described in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision to refuse to sell, rent or lease any housing accommodation, land or commercial space to any person because of such person's status as a veteran.

§ 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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