

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FERNANDEZ -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to prohibiting criminal history questions on rental applications

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

- 1 Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section  
2 220-a to read as follows:  
3 § 220-a. Criminal history prohibited on rental applications. 1. For  
4 purposes of this section "potential tenant" means any person with an  
5 intention to lease or rent any real property or portion thereof for  
6 residential purposes, excluding potential tenant shareholders of cooper-  
7 ative housing corporations.  
8 2. An application required by a landlord or his or her agent to be  
9 completed by a potential tenant shall not contain a question or ques-  
10 tions regarding the criminal history of such potential tenant.  
11 § 2. 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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