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Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to establishing uniform waiting list priorities for domestic violence survivors applying for public housing

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

Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 62 to read as follows:

§ 62. Waiting list priorities; domestic violence. 1. Where a local housing authority establishes applicant preferences on their waiting list, applicants who are victims of domestic violence shall receive the same priority as other disenfranchised populations, such as the disabled, the elderly and the homeless, where the victim of domestic violence:

(a) will continue to suffer from domestic violence if he or she continues to live in current residence; or

(b) has left the residence due to domestic violence and is not living in standard permanent replacement housing.

2. For the purposes of this section, victim of domestic violence shall have the same meaning as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law.

3. For applicants on the waiting list with the same preference status, local public housing authorities shall select applicants using the date and time of application, giving priority to applications in the order of which they are received.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to local housing authorities upon the addition of any person to any of the authority's waiting lists.

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

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