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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 20, 2019

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- (at request of the Division of Human Rights) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing that there is no exemption from the requirement of nondiscrimination in advertisements and inquiries for the rental of an apartment in an owner-occupied two-unit dwelling, or for the rental of rooms in an owner-occupied dwelling, and that engaging in discriminatory advertising or inquiries will cause the property to no longer be exempt from full coverage by the nondiscrimination provisions of the human rights law

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

Section 1. The closing paragraph of subparagraph 3 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 296 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 8 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(4) (i) The provisions **of subparagraphs one and two** of this paragraph [~~(a)~~] shall not apply [~~(1)~~] to the rental of a housing accommodation in a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than two families living independently of each other, if the owner resides in one of such housing accommodations[~~, (2) to the restriction of the rental of all rooms in a housing accommodation to individuals of the same sex or (3) to the rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation, if such rental is by the occupant of the housing accommodation or by the owner of the housing accommodation and the owner resides in such housing accommodation or (4) solely with respect to age and familial status to the restriction of the sale, rental or lease of housing accommodations exclusively to persons sixty-two years of age or older and the spouse of any such person, or for housing intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person fifty-five years of age or older per unit. In determining whether housing is intended and operated for occupancy by persons fifty-five years of age or older, Sec. 807(b)(2)(c) (42 U.S.C. 3607~~

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

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~~(b) (2) (c)) of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1988, as amended, shall apply~~]. However, such rental property shall no longer be exempt from the provisions of such subparagraphs one and two of this paragraph if there is unlawful discriminatory conduct pursuant to subparagraph three of this paragraph.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraphs one, two and three of this paragraph shall not apply (A) to the restriction of the rental of all rooms in a housing accommodation to individuals of the same sex, (B) to the rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation, if such rental is by the occupant of the housing accommodation or by the owner of the housing accommodation and the owner resides in such housing accommodation, or (C) solely with respect to age and familial status to the restriction of the sale, rental or lease of housing accommodations exclusively to persons sixty-two years of age or older and the spouse of any such person, or for housing intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person fifty-five years of age or older per unit. In determining whether housing is intended and operated for occupancy by persons fifty-five years of age or older, Sec. 807(b) (2) (c) (42 U.S.C. 3607 (b) (2) (c)) of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1988, as amended, shall apply.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 11 of chapter 8 of the laws of 2019.