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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring a conspicuous memorandum regarding the disruption of vital services

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

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 402-e to read as follows:

3 § 402-e. Disruption of vital services. 1. In order to ensure compli-
4 ance and enforcement of the New York city housing authority's duty to
5 provide heat, water, electricity and elevator service, the New York city
6 housing authority shall publish information regarding reported
7 disruptions in such services, the length of such disruptions and the
8 steps taken to restore services. Starting on December first, two thou-
9 sand nineteen, the New York city housing authority shall publish such
10 information on its website. For six months after the original publica-
11 tion date, the New York city housing authority shall retain such infor-
12 mation on its website.

13 2. No later than November first, two thousand nineteen, the New York
14 city housing authority shall meet with representatives of the housing
15 part of the New York city civil court, a representative of public hous-
16 ing tenants from each borough in the city of New York, and a represen-
17 tative of a legal services provider with experience representing public
18 housing tenants in the housing part of the New York city civil court, in
19 order to review and comment on the New York city housing authority's
20 proposed additions to its website as described in subdivision one of
21 this section.

22 3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit or modify the
23 manner in which a tenant may report unscheduled interruption in services

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

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1 to their particular unit when not associated with a broader building or
2 development unscheduled interruption of services, or to limit the appli-
3 cability of the warranty of habitability to New York city housing
4 authority apartments or to limit the authority of the New York city
5 council to legislate in the area of housing code violations or with
6 respect to the New York city department of housing preservation and
7 development.

8 4. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit or modify the
9 obligation of the department of housing preservation and development to
10 inspect and verify the existence of conditions of all kinds in the New
11 York city housing authority.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.