

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

July 16, 2020

Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, HOYLMAN, KRUEGER, MONTGOMERY, SEPULVEDA, STAVISKY -- 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 mitigate the continuing threat to public health arising from COVID-19 by ensuring that New Yorkers are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing

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

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that as an
2 essential part of the state's efforts to mitigate the continuing threat
3 to public health arising from the widespread outbreak of the coronavirus
4 commonly known as COVID-19, it is necessary to ensure that New Yorkers
5 are not rendered homeless, evicted, or dispossessed of their housing or
6 summoned before a court to defend their right to continued occupancy of
7 their housing.

8 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary:

9 1. No court shall accept any petitions in summary proceedings to
10 recover real property or other complaints in actions to recover real
11 property from a residential tenant, or issue a warrant of eviction or
12 judgment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful
13 residential occupant on or before September 20, 2020. All eviction
14 proceedings against residential tenants or other lawful residential
15 occupants shall be suspended statewide until after September 20, 2020.

16 2. No sheriff or marshal shall execute a warrant of eviction or judg-
17 ment of possession against a residential tenant or other lawful residen-
18 tial occupant on or before September 20, 2020. Any court that has issued
19 a warrant of eviction or judgment of possession against a residential
20 tenant or other lawful residential occupant shall stay the execution of
21 such warrant of eviction or judgment of possession until after September
22 20, 2020.

23 § 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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