

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Dinowitz) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the multiple residence law and the multiple dwelling law, in relation to requiring owners and agents of multiple residences and multiple dwellings to provide names and contact information of residents to emergency personnel

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

1 Section 1. The multiple residence law is amended by adding a new
2 section 16 to read as follows:

3 § 16. Multiple residence emergency information. 1. In the case of an
4 emergency affecting a multiple residence, the owner or agent of such
5 multiple residence shall provide emergency service personnel, upon the
6 request of such emergency service personnel, including but not limited
7 to local police and fire departments, with the names and contact infor-
8 mation of all affected residents or occupants as listed in the lease of
9 such multiple residence as is required to ascertain the safety of such
10 residents or occupants. For the purposes of this section, an emergency
11 shall include but not be limited to fires, gas leaks, building
12 collapses, natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other events where
13 the physical safety of residents must be accounted for by ascertaining
14 their whereabouts.

15 2. The owner or agent of such multiple residence shall update the list
16 of names and contact information of all affected residents or occupants
17 of such multiple residence upon the execution of a new lease, lease
18 renewal or lease amendment. Specific and informed written consent shall
19 be obtained by the owner or agent of the multiple residence from each
20 occupant or resident each time the list is updated and no occupant's or
21 resident's name or contact information shall be included in such list
22 without their specific and informed written consent. Written notice
23 shall be provided to the occupant or resident about the contact list and
24 shall include but not be limited to that such list is maintained by the
25 owner and the potential impact of opting-out.

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

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1 3. Such list of names and contact information shall only be maintained
2 for the purpose of an emergency evacuation and shall not be dissem-
3 inated, used or accessed by emergency services personnel for any other
4 purposes.

5 § 2. The multiple dwelling law is amended by adding a new section 15
6 to read as follows:

7 § 15. Multiple dwelling emergency information. 1. In the case of an
8 emergency affecting a multiple dwelling, the owner or agent of such
9 multiple dwelling shall provide emergency service personnel, upon the
10 request of such emergency service personnel, including but not limited
11 to local police and fire departments, with the names and contact infor-
12 mation of all affected residents or occupants as listed in the lease of
13 such multiple dwelling as is required to ascertain the safety of such
14 residents or occupants. For the purposes of this section, an emergency
15 shall include but not be limited to fires, gas leaks, building
16 collapses, natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other events where
17 the physical safety of residents must be accounted for by ascertaining
18 their whereabouts.

19 2. The owner or agent of such multiple dwelling shall update the list
20 of names and contact information of all affected residents or occupants
21 of such multiple dwelling upon the execution of a new lease, lease
22 renewal or lease amendment. Specific and informed written consent shall
23 be obtained by the owner or agent of the multiple dwelling from each
24 occupant or resident each time the list is updated and no occupant's or
25 resident's name or contact information shall be included in such list
26 without their specific and informed written consent. Written notice
27 shall be provided to the occupant or resident about the contact list and
28 shall include but not be limited to that such list is maintained by the
29 owner and the potential impact of opting-out.

30 3. Such list of names and contact information shall only be maintained
31 for the purpose of an emergency evacuation and shall not be dissem-
32 inated, used or accessed by emergency services personnel for any other
33 purposes.

34 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
35 have become a law.