

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 29, 2021

Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- 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 establishing a toll-free hotline for complainants of housing discrimination and providing for the discretionary revocation or suspension of an individual's real estate license upon a finding of unlawful housing discrimination

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

1 Section 1. Section 295 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 17 to read as follows:

3 17. To establish a toll-free hotline to provide individuals with  
4 complaints of housing discrimination counsel and assistance. The divi-  
5 sion shall operate this hotline during regular business hours and  
6 disseminate information about this hotline in order to ensure public  
7 knowledge of the hotline, including having every office engaged in the  
8 practice of real estate transaction conspicuously post the hotline  
9 number in the public area of its office.

10 § 2. Section 297 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
11 subdivision 11 to read as follows:

12 11. If, upon all the evidence at a hearing pursuant to subdivision  
13 four of this section, the division shall find that a real estate broker  
14 or salesperson has engaged in any unlawful housing discrimination pursu-  
15 ant to section two hundred ninety-six of this article, the division may  
16 revoke the license of such real estate broker or salesperson or suspend  
17 the same, for such a period as the division shall deem proper.

18 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
21 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
22 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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