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Introduced by M. of A. RICHARDSON, DE LA ROSA, COLTON, EPSTEIN, TAYLOR, PICHARDO, REYES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to submitting and tracking complaints relating to housing conditions and making such information publicly available

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

Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 20-a to read as follows:

§ 20-a. Submitting and tracking housing condition complaints. 1. The commissioner shall establish a system that allows individuals:

(a) to submit, online and by telephone, complaints alleging housing conditions that would, if proved, violate any law, rule or regulation relating to the maintenance, use, occupancy, safety or sanitary condition of any building or portion thereof which is occupied, arranged or intended to be occupied as a home, residence or dwelling place; and

(b) obtain, online and by telephone, information relating to such complaints, including the status thereof.

2. The commissioner shall publish on the division of housing and community renewal website the following information relating to the complaints made pursuant to subdivision one of this section:

(a) the date of the complaint;

(b) the address of the building to which the complaint relates;

(c) the conditions complained of, including the law, rule or regulation such conditions would, if proved, violate; and

(d) the status of the complaint.

3. Beginning one year after the effective date of this section, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall publish on the division of housing and community renewal website a report summarizing the

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

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complaints made to the division of housing and community renewal pursuant to subdivision one of this section during the previous year.

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