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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, KAVANAGH, THOMAS, KAMINSKY, KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to adding a surcharge to the fee paid for issuing or reissuing a real estate broker or salesmen license

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 441-b of the real property law, as amended by section 1 of part S of chapter 58 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1. The fee for a license issued or reissued under the provisions of this article entitling a person, co-partnership, limited liability company or corporation to act as a real estate broker shall be one hundred fifty-five dollars **plus an additional thirty dollar surcharge. Such surcharge shall be collected by the department of state and payable to the office of the attorney general to be used for statewide fair housing testing efforts**. The fee for a license issued or reissued under the provisions of this article entitling a person to act as a real estate salesman shall be fifty-five dollars **plus an additional ten dollar surcharge. Such surcharge shall be collected by the department of state and payable to the office of the attorney general to be used for statewide fair housing testing efforts**. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision seven of section four hundred forty-one-a of this article, after January first, nineteen hundred eighty-six, the secretary of state shall assign staggered expiration dates for outstanding licenses that have been previously renewed on October thirty-first of each year from the assigned date unless renewed. If the assigned date results in a

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

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term that exceeds twenty-four months, the applicant shall pay an additional prorated adjustment together with the regular renewal fee. The secretary of state shall assign dates to existing licenses in a manner which shall result in a term of not less than two years.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.