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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development -- recommitted to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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, including
6 but not limited to local police and fire departments, with the names and
7 contact information of all affected residents or occupants of such
8 multiple residence as is required to ascertain the safety of such resi-
9 dents or occupants. For the purposes of this section, an emergency shall
10 include but not be limited to fires, gas leaks, building collapses,
11 natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other events where the physical
12 safety of residents must be accounted for by ascertaining their where-
13 abouts.

14 2. The owner or agent of such multiple residence shall annually update
15 the list of names and contact information of all affected residents or
16 occupants of such multiple residence. Specific and informed written
17 consent shall be obtained by the owner or agent of the multiple resi-
18 dence from each occupant or resident each time the list is updated and

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

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1 no occupant's or resident's name or contact information shall be
2 included in such list without their specific and informed written
3 consent. Written notice shall be provided to the occupant or resident
4 about the contact list and shall include but not be limited to that such
5 list is maintained by the owner and the potential impact of opting-out.

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

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

12 § 15. Multiple dwelling emergency information. 1. In the case of an
13 emergency affecting a multiple dwelling, the owner or agent of such
14 multiple dwelling shall provide emergency service personnel, including
15 but not limited to local police and fire departments, with the names and
16 contact information of all affected residents or occupants of such
17 multiple dwelling as is required to ascertain the safety of such resi-
18 dents or occupants. For the purposes of this section, an emergency shall
19 include but not be limited to fires, gas leaks, building collapses,
20 natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other events where the physical
21 safety of residents must be accounted for by ascertaining their where-
22 abouts.

23 2. The owner or agent of such multiple dwelling shall annually update
24 the list of names and contact information of all affected residents or
25 occupants of such multiple dwelling. Specific and informed written
26 consent shall be obtained by the owner or agent of the multiple dwelling
27 from each occupant or resident each time the list is updated and no
28 occupant's or resident's name or contact information shall be included
29 in such list without their specific and informed written consent. Writ-
30 ten notice shall be provided to the occupant or resident about the
31 contact list and shall include but not be limited to that such list is
32 maintained by the owner and the potential impact of opting-out.

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

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