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IN SENATE

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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:

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

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 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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