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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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the general business law, in relation to establishing a dedicated telephone line for complainants of 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 dedicated telephone line to provide assistance to individuals with complaints of housing discrimination. Such assistance shall include, but not be limited to, directing individuals to resources available to the public regarding housing discrimination. The division shall operate such dedicated telephone line during regular business hours and shall post the telephone number for such dedicated phone line on the website of the division. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this subdivision.

§ 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-ddd to read as follows:

§ 396-ddd. Display of the division of human rights dedicated telephone line in real estate broker offices. The dedicated telephone line established in subdivision seventeen of section two hundred ninety-five of the executive law shall be conspicuously displayed in the principal place of business of each real estate broker or conspicuously displayed on such broker's internet website at all times. For purposes of this

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

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1 section the term "real estate broker" shall have the same meaning as
2 section four hundred forty of the real property law.

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