STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

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January 23, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to requiring disclosure of information concerning flood insurance on property condition disclosure statements; and to repeal section 467 of the real property law relating to liability with respect to property disclosures

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

- Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 462 of the real property law, as added by chapter 456 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 2. The following shall be the disclosure form:
- 4 PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
- 5 NAME OF SELLER OR SELLERS:
- 6 PROPERTY ADDRESS:
- THE PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE ACT REQUIRES THE SELLER OF RESIDEN-
- 8 TIAL REAL PROPERTY TO CAUSE THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR A COPY THEREOF
- 9 TO BE DELIVERED TO A BUYER OR BUYER'S AGENT PRIOR TO THE SIGNING BY THE
- 10 BUYER OF A BINDING CONTRACT OF SALE.
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- 12 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY KNOWN TO THE SELLER. THIS DISCLOSURE
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- 17 ALSO IS ENCOURAGED TO CHECK PUBLIC RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTY.
- 18 A KNOWINGLY FALSE OR INCOMPLETE STATEMENT BY THE SELLER ON THIS FORM
- 19 MAY SUBJECT THE SELLER TO CLAIMS BY THE BUYER PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE

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

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27 GENERAL INFORMATION

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 THE STRUCTURE WAS BUILT BEFORE 1978 YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVESTIGATE FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD BASED PAINT.
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- 9. ARE THERE CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY RELATED TO THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF NO, EXPLAIN BELOW)

NOTE TO SELLER - IN THIS SECTION, YOU WILL BE ASKED QUESTIONS REGARD-ING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES THAT YOU KNOW TO HAVE BEEN SPILLED, LEAKED OR OTHERWISE BEEN RELEASED ON THE PROPERTY OR FROM THE PROPERTY ONTO ANY OTHER PROPERTY. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, HOME HEATING FUEL, AND LUBRICANTS. HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES ARE PRODUCTS THAT COULD POSE SHORT- OR LONG-TERM DANGER TO PERSONAL HEALTH OR THE ENVIRON-7 MENT IF THEY ARE NOT PROPERLY DISPOSED OF, APPLIED OR STORED. THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES AND INSECTI-9 10 CIDES, PAINT INCLUDING PAINT THINNER, VARNISH REMOVER AND WOOD PRESERVA-TIVES, TREATED WOOD, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SUCH AS ASPHALT AND ROOFING 11 12 MATERIALS, ANTIFREEZE AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, BATTERIES, CLEANING SOLVENTS INCLUDING SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS AND POOL 13

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- NOTE TO BUYER IF CONTAMINATION OF THIS PROPERTY FROM PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND/OR HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES IS A CONCERN TO YOU, YOU ARE URGED TO CONSIDER SOIL AND GROUNDWATER TESTING OF THIS PROPERTY.
- 10. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN A <u>FEDERAL EMERGENCY</u>

 MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN? YES NO UNKN NA

 (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - 11. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA ("SFHA"; "100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN") ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA'S) CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS FOR YOUR AREA? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - 12. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN A MODERATE RISK FLOOD HAZARD AREA ("500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN") ACCORDING TO FEMA'S CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS FOR YOUR AREA? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- 30 13. IS THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO 31 OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN 32 NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) 33 HOMES IN THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGH RISK 34 FLOOD ZONES, ON FEMA'S FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS WITH MORTGAGES 35 FROM FEDERALLY REGULATED OR INSURED LENDERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN 36 AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE. EVEN WHEN NOT REQUIRED, FEMA ENCOUR-37 AGES HOMEOWNERS IN HIGH RISK, MODERATE RISK, AND LOW RISK FLOOD 38 ZONES TO PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE THAT COVERS THE STRUCTURE(S) AND 39 THE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE STRUCTURE(S). ALSO NOTE THAT 40 HOMES IN COASTAL AREAS MAY BE SUBJECT TO INCREASED RISK OF FLOOD-41 ING OVER TIME DUE TO PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE AND INCREASED 42 EXTREME STORMS CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE WHICH MAY NOT BE REFLECTED IN CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS. 43
 - 14. HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED ASSISTANCE, OR ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY PREVIOUS OWNERS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE, FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA), OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL DISASTER FLOOD ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE PASSES DOWN TO ALL FUTURE OWNERS. FAILURE TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE CAN RESULT IN AN INDIVIDUAL BEING INELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE.
 - 15. IS THERE FLOOD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE POLICY)

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A STANDARD HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY TYPICALLY DOES NOT COVER

FLOOD DAMAGE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE YOUR POLICY TO DETER
MINE WHETHER YOU ARE COVERED.

- 16. IS THERE A FEMA ELEVATION CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPERTY?
 YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE)
 AN ELEVATION CERTIFICATE IS A FEMA FORM, COMPLETED BY A LICENSED SURVEYOR OR ENGINEER. THE FORM PROVIDES CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLOOD RISK OF THE PROPERTY AND IS USED BY FLOOD INSURANCE PROVIDERS UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) TO HELP DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE FLOOD INSURANCE RATING FOR THE PROPERTY. A BUYER MAY BE ABLE TO USE THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE FROM A PREVIOUS OWNER FOR THEIR FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY.
- 17. HAVE YOU EVER FILED A CLAIM FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY WITH ANY INSURANCE PROVIDER, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - 18. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN A DESIGNATED WETLAND? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [12.] 19. IS THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [13.] 20. WAS THE PROPERTY EVER THE SITE OF A LANDFILL? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [14.] 21. ARE THERE OR HAVE THERE EVER BEEN FUEL STORAGE TANKS ABOVE OR BELOW THE GROUND ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA IF YES, ARE THEY CURRENTLY IN USE? YES NO UNKN NA LOCATION(S) ARE THEY LEAKING OR HAVE THEY EVER LEAKED? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [15.] 22. IS THERE ASBESTOS IN THE STRUCTURE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATION OR LOCATIONS BELOW)
 - [16.] 23. IS LEAD PLUMBING PRESENT? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATION OR LOCATIONS BELOW)
 - $[\frac{17.}{}]$ $\underline{24.}$ HAS A RADON TEST BEEN DONE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE REPORT)
 - [18.] 25. HAS MOTOR FUEL, MOTOR OIL, HOME HEATING FUEL, LUBRICATING OIL OR ANY OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT, METHANE GAS, OR ANY HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCE SPILLED, LEAKED OR OTHERWISE BEEN RELEASED ON THE PROPERTY OR FROM THE PROPERTY ONTO ANY OTHER PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, DESCRIBE BELOW)
 - [19.] 26. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF MOTOR FUEL, MOTOR OIL, HOME HEATING FUEL, LUBRICATING OIL, OR ANY OTHER PETRO-LEUM PRODUCT, METHANE GAS, OR ANY HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH REPORT(S))

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- [20.] 27. IS THERE ANY ROT OR WATER DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE OR STRUCTURES? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [21.] 28. IS THERE ANY FIRE OR SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE OR STRUCTURES? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [22.] 29. IS THERE ANY TERMITE, INSECT, RODENT OR PEST INFESTATION OR DAMAGE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [23.] 30. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN TESTED FOR TERMITE, INSECT, RODENT OR PEST INFESTATION OR DAMAGE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH REPORT(S))
- [24.] 31. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF ROOF/ROOF COVERING (SLATE, ASPHALT, OTHER.)? ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS? HOW OLD IS THE ROOF? IS THERE A TRANSFERABLE [WARRANTEE] WARRANTY ON THE ROOF IN EFFECT NOW? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)

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STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS: FOOTINGS, BEAMS, GIRDERS, LINTELS, COLUMNS OR 2 PARTITIONS [→]? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) 4 MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & SERVICES [26.] 33. WHAT IS THE WATER SOURCE (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY - WELL, PRIVATE, MUNICIPAL, OTHER)? IF MUNICIPAL, IS IT METERED? YES NO 6 7 8 [27.] 34. HAS THE WATER QUALITY AND/OR FLOW RATE BEEN TESTED? YES NO 9 UNKN NA (IF YES, DESCRIBE BELOW) [28.] 35. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF SEWAGE SYSTEM (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY -10 PUBLIC SEWER, PRIVATE SEWER, SEPTIC OR CESSPOOL)? IF SEPTIC OR 11 CESSPOOL, AGE? _____ DATE LAST PUMPED? _____ FREQUENCY OF 12 PUMPING? _____ ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS? YES NO UNKN NA (IF 13 14 YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) [29.] 36. WHO IS YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER? _____ WHAT IS THE 15 16 AMPERAGE? _____ DOES IT HAVE CIRCUIT BREAKERS OR FUSES? _____ PRIVATE OR PUBLIC POLES? _____ ANY KNOWN MATERIAL 17 DEFECTS? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) 18 19 [30.] 37. ARE THERE ANY FLOODING, DRAINAGE OR GRADING PROBLEMS THAT 20 RESULTED IN STANDING WATER ON ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY? YES NO 21 UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATIONS AND EXPLAIN BELOW) 22 [31. DOES THE BASEMENT HAVE SEEPAGE THAT RESULTS IN STANDING WATER? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)] 38. HAS THE STRUCTURE(S) 23 EXPERIENCED ANY WATER PENETRATION OR DAMAGE DUE TO SEEPAGE OR A 24 NATURAL FLOOD EVENT, SUCH AS FROM HEAVY RAINFALL, COASTAL STORM 25 SURGE, TIDAL INUNDATION OR RIVER OVERFLOW? YES NO UNKN NA (IF 26 27 YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) 28 ARE THERE ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING (IF YES, 29 EXPLAIN BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.): 30 [32.] 39. PLUMBING SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA 31 [33.] 40. SECURITY SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA [34.] 41. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR? 32 YES NO UNKN NA YES NO NO 33 [35.] 42. SMOKE DETECTOR? UNKN NA 34 [36.] 43. FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM? YES UNKN NA NO NO NO 35 [37.] 44. SUMP PUMP? YES UNKN 36 [38.] 45. FOUNDATION/SLAB? YES UNKN NA 37 [39.] 46. INTERIOR WALLS/CEILINGS? YES NA UNKN NO 38 [40.] 47. EXTERIOR WALLS OR SIDING? YES UNKN NA 39 [41.] 48. FLOORS? YES NO UNKN NA 40 [42.] 49. CHIMNEY/FIREPLACE OR STOVE? YES NO UNKN [43.] 50. PATIO/DECK? 41 YES NO UNKN NA [44.] 51. DRIVEWAY? 42 YES NO UNKN NA 43 [45.] 52. AIR CONDITIONER? YES NO UNKN NA 44 [46.] <u>53.</u> HEATING SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA 45 [47.] 54. HOT WATER HEATER? YES NO UNKN NA [48.] 55. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE 46 47 FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICT UNKN NOTE: BUYER IS ENCOURAGED TO CHECK PUBLIC RECORDS CONCERNING THE PROP-48 49 ERTY (E.G. TAX RECORDS AND WETLAND AND [FLOOD PLAIN] FEMA'S CURRENT 50 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS AND ELEVATION CERTIFICATES)

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 - 12. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN A MODERATE RISK FLOOD HAZARD AREA ("500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN") ACCORDING TO FEMA'S CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS FOR YOUR AREA? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- 24 13. IS THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAW TO 25 OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN 26 NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - HOMES IN THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGH RISK FLOOD ZONES, ON FEMA'S FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS WITH MORTGAGES FROM FEDERALLY REGULATED OR INSURED LENDERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE. EVEN WHEN NOT REQUIRED, FEMA ENCOUR-AGES HOMEOWNERS IN HIGH RISK, MODERATE RISK, AND LOW RISK FLOOD ZONES TO PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE THAT COVERS THE STRUCTURE(S) AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE STRUCTURE(S). ALSO NOTE THAT HOMES IN COASTAL AREAS MAY BE SUBJECT TO INCREASED RISK OF FLOOD-ING OVER TIME DUE TO PROJECTED SEA LEVEL RISE AND INCREASED EXTREME STORMS CAUSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE WHICH MAY NOT BE REFLECTED IN CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS.
 - 14. HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED ASSISTANCE, OR ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY PREVI-OUS OWNERS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE, FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA), OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL DISASTER FLOOD ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE PASSES DOWN TO ALL FUTURE OWNERS. FAILURE TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN FLOOD INSURANCE CAN RESULT IN AN INDIVIDUAL BEING INELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE.
- 47 15. IS THERE FLOOD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, 48 ATTACH A COPY OF THE POLICY)
- 49 A STANDARD HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY TYPICALLY DOES NOT COVER 50 FLOOD DAMAGE. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE YOUR POLICY TO DETER-51 MINE WHETHER YOU ARE COVERED.
- 52 16. IS THERE A FEMA ELEVATION CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPERTY? 53 YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE)

AN ELEVATION CERTIFICATE IS A FEMA FORM, COMPLETED BY A LICENSED SURVEYOR OR ENGINEER. THE FORM PROVIDES CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLOOD RISK OF THE PROPERTY AND IS USED BY FLOOD INSURANCE PROVIDERS UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) TO HELP DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE FLOOD INSURANCE RATING FOR THE PROPERTY. A BUYER MAY BE ABLE TO USE THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE FROM A PREVIOUS OWNER FOR THEIR FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY.

- 17. HAVE YOU EVER FILED A CLAIM FOR FLOOD DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY WITH

 ANY INSURANCE PROVIDER, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE
 PROGRAM (NFIP)? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- 18. IS ANY OR ALL OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN A DESIGNATED WETLAND?
 YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [12.] 19. IS THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [13.] 20. WAS THE PROPERTY EVER THE SITE OF A LANDFILL? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [14.] 21. ARE THERE OR HAVE THERE EVER BEEN FUEL STORAGE TANKS ABOVE OR BELOW THE GROUND ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA IF YES, ARE THEY CURRENTLY IN USE? YES NO UNKN NA LOCATION(S) ARE THEY LEAKING OR HAVE THEY EVER LEAKED? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
 - [15.] 22. IS THERE ASBESTOS IN THE STRUCTURE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATION OR LOCATIONS BELOW)
 - [16.] 23. IS LEAD PLUMBING PRESENT? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATION OR LOCATIONS BELOW)
 - [17.] 24. HAS A RADON TEST BEEN DONE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE REPORT)
 - [18.] 25. HAS MOTOR FUEL, MOTOR OIL, HOME HEATING FUEL, LUBRICATING OIL OR ANY OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT, METHANE GAS, OR ANY HAZARD-OUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCE SPILLED, LEAKED OR OTHERWISE BEEN RELEASED ON THE PROPERTY OR FROM THE PROPERTY ONTO ANY OTHER PROPERTY? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, DESCRIBE BELOW)
- [19.] 26. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF MOTOR FUEL, MOTOR OIL, HOME HEATING FUEL, LUBRICATING OIL, OR ANY OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT, METHANE GAS, OR ANY HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC SUBSTANCE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, ATTACH REPORT(S))
 - [19-a.] 27. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN TESTED FOR INDOOR MOLD? YES NO UNKN (IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE REPORT)

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- [20.] 28. IS THERE ANY ROT OR WATER DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE OR STRUCTURES? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [21.] 29. IS THERE ANY FIRE OR SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE OR STRUCTURES? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [22.] 30. IS THERE ANY TERMITE, INSECT, RODENT OR PEST INFESTATION OR DAMAGE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- [23.] 31. HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN TESTED FOR TERMITE, INSECT, RODENT OR PEST INFESTATION OR DAMAGE? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH REPORT(S))
- [24.] 32. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF ROOF/ROOF COVERING (SLATE, ASPHALT, OTHER.)? ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS? HOW OLD IS THE ROOF? IS THERE A TRANSFERABLE [WARRANTEE] WARRANTY ON THE ROOF IN EFFECT NOW? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
- 53 [25.] 33. ARE THERE ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS: FOOTINGS, BEAMS, GIRDERS, LINTELS, COLUMNS OR PARTITIONS[.]? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)

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MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & SERVICES
     [26.] 34. WHAT IS THE WATER SOURCE (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY - WELL,
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           PRIVATE, MUNICIPAL, OTHER)? IF MUNICIPAL, IS IT METERED? YES NO
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           UNKN NA
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      [27.] 35. HAS THE WATER QUALITY AND/OR FLOW RATE BEEN TESTED? YES NO
           UNKN NA (IF YES, DESCRIBE BELOW)
      [28.] 36. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF SEWAGE SYSTEM (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY -
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           PUBLIC SEWER, PRIVATE SEWER, SEPTIC OR CESSPOOL)? IF SEPTIC OR
           CESSPOOL, AGE? _____ DATE LAST PUMPED? ____ FREQUENCY OF
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           PUMPING? _____ ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS? YES NO UNKN NA (IF
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           YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
      [29.] 37. WHO IS YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER? _____ WHAT IS THE AMPERAGE? _____ DOES IT HAVE CIRCUIT BREAKERS OR FUSES? _____ PRIVATE OR PUBLIC POLES? _____ ANY KNOWN MATERIAL
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           DEFECTS? YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
      [30.] 38. ARE THERE ANY FLOODING, DRAINAGE OR GRADING PROBLEMS THAT
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           RESULTED IN STANDING WATER ON ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY? YES NO
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           UNKN NA (IF YES, STATE LOCATIONS AND EXPLAIN BELOW)
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       [31. DOES THE BASEMENT HAVE SEEPAGE THAT RESULTS IN STANDING WATER?
           YES NO UNKN NA (IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW) 39. HAS THE STRUCTURE(S)
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           EXPERIENCED ANY WATER PENETRATION OR DAMAGE DUE TO SEEPAGE OR A
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           NATURAL FLOOD EVENT, SUCH AS FROM HEAVY RAINFALL, COASTAL STORM
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           SURGE, TIDAL INUNDATION OR RIVER OVERFLOW? YES NO UNKN NA (IF
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           YES, EXPLAIN BELOW)
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      ARE THERE ANY KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING (IF YES,
          EXPLAIN BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.):
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     [32.] 40. PLUMBING SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA [33.] 41. SECURITY SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [34.] 42. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [35.] 43. SMOKE DETECTOR?

YES NO UNKN NA

[36.] 44. FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM?

YES NO UNKN NA
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      [37.] 45. SUMP PUMP? YES NO UNKN NA
[38.] 46. FOUNDATION/SLAB? YES NO UNKN NA
[39.] 47. INTERIOR WALLS/CEILINGS? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [40.] 48. EXTERIOR WALLS OR SIDING? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [41.] 49. FLOORS?
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                                                YES NO UNKN NA
      [42.] 50. CHIMNEY/FIREPLACE OR STOVE? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [43.] 51. PATIO/DECK? YES NO UNKN NA
      [44.] <u>52.</u> DRIVEWAY?
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                                               YES NO UNKN NA
     [44.] 52. DRIVEWAY? YES NO UNKN NA
[45.] 53. AIR CONDITIONER? YES NO UNKN NA
[46.] 54. HEATING SYSTEM? YES NO UNKN NA
[47.] 55. HOT WATER HEATER? YES NO UNKN NA
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      [48.] 56. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICT
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         UNKN NOTE: BUYER IS ENCOURAGED TO CHECK PUBLIC RECORDS CONCERNING
          THE PROPERTY (E.G. TAX RECORDS AND WETLAND AND [FLOOD PLAIN] FEMA'S
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        CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS AND ELEVATION CERTIFICATES)
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      THE SELLER SHOULD USE THIS AREA TO FURTHER EXPLAIN ANY ITEM ABOVE. IF
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    TIONAL PAGES ATTACHED.
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54 SELLER'S CERTIFICATION: SELLER CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS 55 PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE 56 SELLER'S ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE AS OF THE DATE SIGNED BY THE SELLER. IF A

SELLER OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRES KNOWLEDGE WHICH RENDERS 2 MATERIALLY INACCURATE A PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY, THE SELLER SHALL DELIVER A REVISED PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO THE BUYER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. IN NO EVENT, 5 HOWEVER, SHALL A SELLER BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A REVISED PROPERTY CONDI-TION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AFTER THE TRANSFER OF TITLE FROM THE SELLER TO 7 THE BUYER OR OCCUPANCY BY THE BUYER, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.

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10 BUYER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT: BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT AND BUYER UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS INFORMATION IS A STATEMENT OF 11 CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY KNOWN TO THE 12 13 SELLER. IT IS NOT A WARRANTY OF ANY KIND BY THE SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY HOME, PEST, RADON OR OTHER INSPECTIONS 14 OR TESTING OF THE PROPERTY OR INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS. 15

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§ 3. Section 465 of the real property law, as added by chapter 456 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

§ 465. [Remedy] Liability. 1. [In the event a seller fails to perform the duty prescribed in this article to deliver a disclosure statement 22 prior to the signing by the buyer of a binding contract of sale, the 23 buyer shall receive upon the transfer of title a credit of five hundred 24 dollars against the agreed upon purchase price of the residential real property. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as 26 limiting any existing legal cause of action or remedy at law, in statute or in equity.

- 2. Any seller who provides a property condition disclosure statement or provides or fails to provide a revised property condition disclosure statement shall be liable only for a willful failure to perform the requirements of this article. For such a willful failure, the seller shall be liable for the actual damages suffered by the buyer in addition to any other existing equitable or statutory remedy.
 - § 4. Section 467 of the real property law is REPEALED.
- § 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-37 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-38 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and 39 completed on or before such date.