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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

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

15 2. The owner or agent of such multiple residence shall update the list  
16 of names and contact information of all affected residents or occupants  
17 of such multiple residence upon the execution of a new lease, lease  
18 renewal or lease amendment. Specific and informed written consent shall  
19 be obtained by the owner or agent of the multiple residence from each  
20 occupant or resident each time the list is updated and no occupant's or  
21 resident's name or contact information shall be included in such list  
22 without their specific and informed written consent. Written notice  
23 shall be provided to the occupant or resident about the contact list and

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

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1 shall include but not be limited to that such list is maintained by the  
2 owner and the potential impact of opting-out.

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

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

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

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

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

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