STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 22, 2023

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 increasing the penalties for certain unlawful discriminatory practices based on the lawful source of income of the victim

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 297 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph f to read as follows:

f. Any monetary damages or fines awarded or assessed pursuant to paragraph c of this subdivision shall be doubled where a respondent is found to have engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice defined in subdivisions two-a or five of section two hundred ninety-six of this article which is based on the lawful source of income of the victim of such unlawful discriminatory practice, and such respondent receives federal, state or local tax benefits for the housing accommodation at issue in the complaint.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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