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Introduced by M. of A. CHANDLER-WATERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring the posting of a notice in certain rental premises regarding access to the sex offender registry

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 168-kk to read as follows:

§ 168-kk. Posting of general notice in multiple dwellings. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the landlord of a multiple dwelling shall post in a conspicuous place in each and every entrance way of such multiple dwelling, at least one copy of the notice as provided for in subdivision two of this section. The division of housing and community renewal shall promulgate any rules and regulations it deems necessary for the further implementation of this section.

2. Such notice shall contain the following language:

"Notice: The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services maintains and distributes a subdirectory, which includes the locations and photographs of high risk sex offenders. If you have reason to believe a sex offender resides in your building or neighborhood, please contact your local law enforcement agency for further information on how to access and view the subdirectory of high risk sex offenders. You may also access the information at a special toll free telephone number, 1-800-262-3257, to verify the registration of a particular individual. It is illegal to use information obtained from the Division of Criminal Justice Services subdirectory or the special toll free telephone number to commit a crime against any person listed or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment against such person."

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

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3. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

a. "landlord" shall include owner, agent, manager, superintendent, or any other person whose responsibilities include maintenance of a multiple dwelling; and

b. "multiple dwelling" means the same as such term is defined in section four of the multiple dwelling law and section four of the multiple residence law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.