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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to the methods of billing and/or payment of rent

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "multi-pay-  
2 ment yielding equitable rent system (MYERS) act".

3 § 2. The section heading of section 235-g of the real property law, as  
4 added by chapter 367 of the laws of 2010, is amended and three new  
5 subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 are added to read as follows:

6 [~~Electronic~~] Methods of billing and/or payment of rent.

7 3. A landlord shall accept payment of rent by at least one form of  
8 payment other than the following: wire transfer, cashier's check,  
9 certified check, bank draft, money order, or any form of payment that  
10 requires a lessee or tenant to incur a fee as a condition of payment.

11 4. A landlord may demand an exclusive form of payment if the tenant or  
12 lessee has previously attempted to pay the landlord or landlord's agent  
13 with a check drawn on insufficient funds or the tenant has instructed  
14 the drawee to stop payment on a check, draft, or order for the payment  
15 of rent to the landlord or landlord's agent. The landlord may demand or  
16 require cash as the exclusive form of payment only for a period not  
17 exceeding six months following an attempt to pay with a check on insuf-  
18 ficient funds or following a tenant's instruction to stop payment. If  
19 the landlord chooses to demand or require cash payment under these  
20 circumstances, the landlord shall give the tenant a written notice stat-  
21 ing that the payment instrument was dishonored and informing the tenant  
22 that the tenant shall pay in cash for a period determined by the land-  
23 lord, not to exceed six months and shall attach a copy of the dishonored  
24 instrument to such notice.

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

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1 5. A landlord shall not require a lessee or tenant to physically  
2 tender the payment of rent directly to the landlord unless the landlord  
3 provides a location no less than three hundred feet from the building  
4 containing or comprising the leased premises at which a lessee or tenant  
5 can tender such payment.

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