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

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to the termination of residential lease by victims of domestic violence

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 227-c of the real property law, as added by chapter 694 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Within twenty-five days of such notice, the tenant shall provide documentation demonstrating that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household has been a victim of domestic violence as described in subdivision one of this section. This documentation may include any one or more of the following:

(i) A temporary or final order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(ii) A record, complaint, or report from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency of an act of domestic violence as described in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law or a family offense as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act, or certifying that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household has been subjected to domestic violence;

(iii) A record from a health care provider for treatment related to domestic violence as described in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law or a family offense as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act;

(iv) A written verification from any other qualified third party to whom the tenant, or a member of the tenant's household reported the domestic violence.

(A) "Qualified third party" shall include: any law enforcement officer; **probation and corrections staff;** employee of a court of the state;

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

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attorney, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, **child protective services (CPS), school counselors and teachers,** registered nurse, therapist, **substance abuse treatment providers, elder abuse and adult protective services workers, disability services providers** or clinical professional counselor licensed to practice in any state; person employed by a government or non-profit agency or service that advises or provides services to persons regarding domestic violence **such as the office for the prevention of domestic violence, and the federal office of family violence prevention and services; a person licensed to practice cosmetology as defined by section four hundred of the general business law**; or any member of the clergy of a church or religious society or denomination.

(B) Written verification as described herein shall be satisfied by any sworn or notarized statement including the required information.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.