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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to succession rights for New York city housing authority properties

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

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section  
2 402-h to read as follows:

3 § 402-h. Succession rights. 1. The policies and procedures of the New  
4 York city housing authority include, and shall continue to include,  
5 policies and procedures allowing individuals to claim succession rights  
6 to public housing units in properties owned and operated by the New York  
7 city housing authority upon the permanent departure or death of the  
8 tenant of record from the unit.

9 2. The New York city housing authority shall establish written poli-  
10 cies and procedures for asserting succession rights consistent with the  
11 requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations,  
12 and guidance, as they may change from time to time. Such written poli-  
13 cies and procedures shall also be consistent with the New York city  
14 housing authority's occupancy standards. Such policies and procedures  
15 shall include, but not be limited to:

16 (a) eligibility requirements for lease succession;

17 (b) relocation requirements, if any, arising out of lease succession;

18 (c) the requirement to pay use and occupancy during the pendency of  
19 succession rights proceedings; and

20 (d) the right to an administrative grievance of the New York city  
21 housing authority's denial of succession rights, except as limited by  
22 the New York city housing authority's succession rights policies and  
23 procedures.

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

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1 3. The New York city housing authority shall issue notice in writing  
2 of substantive changes to its succession rights policies and procedures  
3 at least thirty days prior to implementing those changes, and shall  
4 afford an opportunity to provide written comments with respect to the  
5 proposed changes. The New York city housing authority shall consider  
6 written comments prior to implementation of the proposed changes.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.