

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, the public authorities law and the energy law, in relation to providing for the heating and cooling of properties including dwelling units owned by the New York city housing authority through the installation of geothermal or air source heat pumps

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "NYCHA HVAC repair act".

3 § 2. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 402-i  
4 to read as follows:

5 § 402-i. NYCHA HVAC repair. 1. The New York city housing authority is  
6 authorized and directed to permit the New York state energy research and  
7 development authority to retrofit New York city housing authority resi-  
8 dential properties for the installation of geothermal or air source heat  
9 pumps in dwelling units owned or operated by the New York city housing  
10 authority, completely replacing all oil or natural gas fired heating,  
11 hot water and other combustion units.

12 2. The New York city housing authority is authorized and directed to  
13 permit the New York state energy research and development authority to  
14 replace all compact fluorescent, fluorescent, incandescent, or arc vapor  
15 lamps in properties owned or operated by the New York city housing  
16 authority with light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs if lighting has not  
17 already been replaced, with the goal of replacing all lighting in New  
18 York city housing authority properties with high efficiency bulbs.

19 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section  
20 1879-a to read as follows:

21 § 1879-a. Revolving loan for NYCHA HVAC repair. 1. The authority is  
22 hereby authorized and directed to establish a revolving loan account in  
23 order to retrofit New York city housing authority residential properties  
24 for the installation of geothermal or air source heat pumps in dwelling  
25 units owned or operated by NYCHA pursuant to subdivision one of section

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

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1 four hundred two-i of the public housing law. Such loan shall be funded  
2 from moneys made available pursuant to appropriations by the authority,  
3 funds of the regional greenhouse gas initiative (RGGI), and other funds  
4 available to the authority including but not limited to the clean energy  
5 fund.

6 2. The authority is authorized and directed to replace all compact  
7 fluorescent, fluorescent, incandescent, or arc vapor lamps in properties  
8 owned or operated by the New York city housing authority with light-em-  
9 itting diode (LED) bulbs pursuant to subdivision two of section four  
10 hundred two-i of the public housing law.

11 § 4. Section 6-104 of the energy law is amended by adding a new subdi-  
12 vision 6 to read as follows:

13 6. The state energy plan shall include provisions for allowing a  
14 surcharge of up to two percent on energy bills, for the New York city  
15 housing authority to provide funds or repay loans to the New York state  
16 energy research and development authority for the repair of all New York  
17 city housing authority heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems  
18 with geothermal heating and cooling, and replacement of New York city  
19 housing authority lighting with light-emitting diode bulbs, as described  
20 in section four hundred two-i of the public housing law and section  
21 eighteen hundred seventy-nine-a of the public authorities law.

22 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.