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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to enacting the "vicari-  
ous liability for housing discrimination act of 2025"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "vicarious liability for housing discrimination act of 2025".

3 § 2. Section 296 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
4 subdivision 23 to read as follows:

5 23. For purposes of establishing liability for an unlawful discrimina-  
6 tory practice related to the sale, rental, or lease of a private or  
7 publicly-assisted housing accommodation, any person shall be vicariously  
8 liable for a discriminatory practice by such person's agent or employee,  
9 regardless of whether such person encouraged, condoned, approved of, or  
10 knew or should have known of the conduct that resulted in a discrimina-  
11 tory practice, consistent with agency law.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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