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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing -- recommitted to the Committee on Housing in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to prohibiting landlords from requiring a fee for nonessential services in a tenant's base rent

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

Section 1. The real property law is amended by adding a new section 238-b to read as follows:

§ 238-b. Base rent and nonessential services. 1. For the purposes of this section, "nonessential services" shall include cable television, internet services and garage usage.

2. A landlord shall be prohibited from requiring a fee for nonessential services in addition to the payment of rent as a condition of leasing a dwelling in a primary written or oral lease agreement.

3. Nonessential services for which a fee is charged in addition to the payment of rent may be provided by a landlord, if the tenant agrees to have such nonessential services and agrees to pay a fee for such nonessential services in addition to the payment of rent. Any nonessential services provided in this manner and the terms of use shall be set forth in a written or oral agreement, which shall be a separate agreement from the primary lease agreement and shall not affect the validity or application of the primary lease agreement.

4. Any agreement provision contained in a lease for a residential dwelling that requires payment of a fee for nonessential services in addition to the rent as set forth in this section shall be void as contrary to public policy.

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

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1 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to buildings that
2 contain less than three dwelling units.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
4 have become a law, provided, however, that this act shall only apply to
5 lease agreements signed on or after such effective date.