STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 22, 2025

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

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

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

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

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

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

§ 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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