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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to preferences and priorities for prospective public housing and section 8 tenants in the city of New York

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

- 1 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 402-b of the  
2 public housing law, as added by chapter 3 of the laws of 2010, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4 (e) All prospective public housing and Section 8 tenants shall be  
5 selected from a waiting list which shall be maintained by the New York  
6 city housing authority in compliance with the federal public housing and  
7 Section 8 laws and all applicable rules and regulations. The New York  
8 city housing authority and each respective project owner shall screen  
9 tenants and jointly have final approval over tenant selection all in  
10 accordance with aforementioned laws, rules and regulations. All prospec-  
11 tive public housing tenants shall be taken from the waiting list in the  
12 order in which they applied for the size appropriate unit, subject  
13 however to preferences and priorities provided for in [~~the public hous-~~  
14 ~~ing law~~] this chapter and all applicable rules and regulations;  
15 provided, however that, any priority or preference offered to applicants  
16 based on their residence in a city owned, operated or contracted domes-  
17 tic violence shelter or in a domestic violence shelter licensed by the  
18 office of children and family services shall be offered at the highest  
19 priority level offered to any other class of applicants.  
20 § 2. 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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