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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property law, in relation to the termination of residential lease by victims of domestic violence

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 227-c of the real
2 property law, as added by chapter 694 of the laws of 2019, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (c) Within twenty-five days of such notice, the tenant shall provide
5 documentation demonstrating that the tenant or a member of the tenant's
6 household has been a victim of domestic violence as described in subdivi-
7 sion one of this section. This documentation may include any one or
8 more of the following:

9 (i) A temporary or final order of protection issued by a court of
10 competent jurisdiction;

11 (ii) A record, complaint, or report from a federal, state, or local
12 law enforcement agency of an act of domestic violence as described in
13 section four hundred fifty-nine-a of the social services law or a family
14 offense as described in section eight hundred twelve of the family court
15 act, or certifying that the tenant or a member of the tenant's household
16 has been subjected to domestic violence;

17 (iii) A record from a health care provider for treatment related to
18 domestic violence as described in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of
19 the social services law or a family offense as described in section
20 eight hundred twelve of the family court act;

21 (iv) A written verification from any other qualified third party to
22 whom the tenant, or a member of the tenant's household reported the
23 domestic violence.

24 (A) "Qualified third party" shall include: any law enforcement offi-
25 cer; probation and corrections staff; employee of a court of the state;

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

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1 attorney, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, child
2 protective services (CPS), school counselors and teachers, registered
3 nurse, therapist, substance abuse treatment providers, elder abuse and
4 adult protective services workers, disability services providers or
5 clinical professional counselor licensed to practice in any state;
6 person employed by a government or non-profit agency or service that
7 advises or provides services to persons regarding domestic violence such
8 as the office for the prevention of domestic violence, and the federal
9 office of family violence prevention and services; a person licensed to
10 practice cosmetology as defined by section four hundred of the general
11 business law; or any member of the clergy of a church or religious soci-
12 ety or denomination.

13 (B) Written verification as described herein shall be satisfied by any
14 sworn or notarized statement including the required information.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.