

GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM BILL

2018

MEMORANDUM

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to preventing discrimination based on lawful source of income in housing

Purpose:

The bill would amend the Human Rights Law to make it illegal for landlords to discriminate against potential tenants based on their lawful source of income.

Summary of Provisions:

Section One of the bill provides the short title.

Section Two of the bill amends section 292 of the executive law by adding a new subdivision 35, which defines the term "lawful source of income."

Sections Three, Four, and Five of the bill amend sections of the executive law that relate to housing discrimination by adding lawful source of income as a prohibited category of discrimination.

Section Six of the bill amends section 296 of the executive law by adding lawful source of income as a prohibited category of discrimination.

Section Seven of the bill sets an immediate effective date.

Existing Law:

Currently, there is no state law preventing landlords from discriminating against potential tenants on the basis of their lawful source of income.

Budget Implications:

This legislation is not expected to have an impact on the budget

Effective Date:

This bill would take effect immediately