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### Res. No. 552

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.1150/A.1422, which would permit other qualifying members of a household to qualify for the Disability Rent Increase Exemption program.

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Whereas, The New York City (“NYC” or “City”) Rent Freeze Program, which includes the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (“DRIE”) program, helps those eligible stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent at the current level and exempting them from future rent increases; and

Whereas, Under the NYC Rent Freeze Program, a property tax credit covers the difference between the actual rent amount and what a tenant is responsible for paying at the frozen rate; and

Whereas, To qualify for DRIE, one must be at least 18 years old; be named on the lease/rent order or have been granted succession rights in a rent controlled, rent stabilized or rent regulated hotel apartment; have a combined household income that is \$50,000 or less; spend more than one-third of their monthly household income on rent; and have been awarded Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), United States (U.S.) Department of Veterans Affairs disability pension or compensation; or disability-related Medicaid if the applicant has received either SSI or SSDI in the past; and

Whereas, An individual may also qualify for DRIE if they satisfy the aforementioned criteria and live in an apartment located in a building where the mortgage was federally insured under Section 213 of the National Housing Act, owned by a Mitchell-Lama development, Limited Dividend housing company, Redevelopment Company or Housing Development Fund Corporation incorporated under the New York State (“State”) Private Housing Finance Law; and

Whereas, The restrictive eligibility requirements for DRIE exclude thousands of households in which a family member has a disability, but is not an eligible head of household under the existing requirements; and

Whereas, S.1150, sponsored by State Senator Cordell Cleare, and A.1422, sponsored by State Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, would amend the language of the real property tax law to make a parent, legal guardian, or other relative of a person with a disability eligible for DRIE, and provide rent relief to households that face similar or identical hardships to those already covered by DRIE; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.1150/A.1422, which would permit other qualifying members of a household to qualify for the Disability Rent Increase Exemption program.

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