Legislation Details (With Text)

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Title: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to promoting housing stability for older adults by making available full legal representation in eviction or termination of tenancy proceedings in housing court for any person who is 60 years of age or older and establishing a housing support program for persons 60 years of age or older who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure

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9/7/2022	*	Committee on Aging	P-C Item Laid Over by Comm	
9/14/2022	*	City Council	Introduced by Council	
9/14/2022	*	City Council	Referred to Comm by Council	
1/18/2023	*	Committee on Aging	Hearing Held by Committee	
1/18/2023	*	Committee on Aging	Amendment Proposed by Comm	
1/18/2023	*	Committee on Aging	Amended by Committee	
1/18/2023	A	Committee on Aging	Approved by Committee	Pass
1/19/2023	A	City Council	Approved by Council	Pass
1/19/2023	A	City Council	Sent to Mayor by Council	
2/19/2023	A	Administration	City Charter Rule Adopted	

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2/21/2023 A City Council Returned Unsigned by Mayor

Int. No. 673-A

By Council Members Hudson, Richardson Jordan, Lee, Schulman, Brewer, Avilés, Menin, Louis, Dinowitz, Restler, Hanif, Farías, Sanchez, Velázquez, Barron, Stevens, Won, Krishnan, Gutiérrez, Narcisse, Ayala, De La Rosa, Abreu, Ossé, Cabán, Nurse, Joseph, Bottcher, Brooks-Powers, Ung, Riley, Brannan, Powers, Williams, Rivera and Gennaro

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-212 to read as follows:

§ 21-212 Housing support. a. The department shall establish a housing support program for the purpose of helping persons 60 years of age or older who are at risk of eviction or foreclosure to identify and access relevant aid and other support to remain in their residence.

b. Such program shall provide case management services designed to provide situation-specific advice and support to each participating person. Such services shall be provided at no cost and, at minimum, include:

1. An intake session, which may be conducted at the participating person's residence, for the purpose of identifying and assessing the factors contributing to such person's risk of eviction or foreclosure, and how such factors could be addressed under relevant assistance, services or programs;

2. Referrals for assistance, services or programs that could address factors contributing to such person's risk of eviction or foreclosure;

3. Assistance completing applications for financial assistance or enrollment in services or programs; and

4. Ongoing support to monitor such person's risk of eviction or foreclosure, the effect of referred assistance, services or programs on reducing or eliminating such risk and any factors contributing to such risk that could be ameliorated with further advice and support.

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c. In assessing a person's risk for eviction or foreclosure, the department shall consider any relevant factor, including, but not limited to, such person's health status and whether other persons, including family members, also live in such person's residence.

d. In administering the program required by this section, the department shall:

1. Maintain an online portal, accessible to program participants, for the purpose of tracking events and progress of individual cases and storing information relevant to each case; and

2. Maintain a phone number for the purpose of taking questions about the department's housing support services and providing assistance to persons seeking to enroll or enrolled in such program.

e. The department shall conduct ongoing outreach and education to promote awareness of the program required by this section. Such outreach shall include, but not be limited to, an annual mailing to persons who may benefit from enrollment in such program or who may care for or serve such persons.

f. The department shall administer the program required by this section in accordance with section 23-1102.

§ 2. The definition of the term "income-eligible individual" in section 26-1301 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 136 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

Income-eligible individual. The term "income-eligible individual" means a covered individual who is 60 years of age or older or whose annual gross household income is not in excess of 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated periodically in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9902 of title 42 of the United States code.

§ 3. Subdivision b of section 26-1306 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 53 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

b. Subject to appropriation, the coordinator shall work with designated community groups, including groups that primarily serve persons 60 years of age or older, to make efforts to educate and inform tenants

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about their rights in housing court, including but not limited to holding know your rights education sessions, distributing written information to tenants and facilitating referrals of tenants to designated community groups. Such education and information shall be available in any designated citywide language as defined in section 23-1101.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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