

CURRENT INTRODUCTION NUMBER:

[Int. No. 625](#)

INITIAL SPONSORS:

Council Members Kallos, Levine, Lancman and Maisel

TITLE:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to housing accommodations and tenant black lists.

BILL SUMMARY:

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This bill seeks to prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to prospective tenants solely because they appear on a “Tenant Black List.” Tenant screening lists are used to identify supposedly risky renters by naming tenants who have been involved in a Housing Court case, however, they do not take into account the outcome of a case (i.e., whether or not a tenant is successful, or whether the tenant initiated the action). The bill adds “participating in a housing court proceeding” to the list of protected classes in the Housing Accommodations section of the Civil Rights title of the Administrative Code.

CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED:

- Administrative Code § 8-107
- Administrative Code § 8-126

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately after enactment into law

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