**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 1410-B

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Gibson, Salamanca, King, Ayala, Rosenthal, Rivera, Kallos, Levin and Espinal

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation in relation to commercial tenant harassment.

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would redefine commercial tenant harassment as an act or omission by a landlord that would reasonably cause a commercial tenant to vacate, or surrender or waive their rights under a rental agreement. The bill would also broaden the acts and omissions that constitute commercial tenant harassment. The bill would raise civil penalties for landlords that commit commercial tenant harassment to $10,000-50,000 for each property in which the tenant was subject to harassment. Finally, when a landlord has been found to have engaged in commercial tenant harassment, the bill would clarify that courts can order the Department of Buildings not to approve, issue or renew documents for certain types of construction work the landlord wishes to perform at the property in which the tenant was subject to harassment.

**Effective Date:**

Immediately

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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