

State ban on business evictions extended

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The state has granted another reprieve to commercial tenants and landlords struggling financially because of issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Thursday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed an executive order extending the moratorium on commercial evictions and foreclosures again — this time to Sept. 20. It was set to expire Thursday, Aug. 20.

“While we have made great progress in keeping New York’s infection rate low, this pandemic is not over and as we continue to fight the virus, we are continuing to protect New York businesses and residential tenants who face financial hardship due to COVID,” Cuomo said in a statement Thursday. “I am extending the state’s moratorium on commercial evictions to ensure business owners across New York will not be forced to close as a result of the pandemic.”

The governor initially announced a 90-day moratorium on commercial and residential evictions March 20, but the executive order did not mention the pandemic.

On June 20, Cuomo extended the residential and commercial moratorium for 60 days and added language in the executive order that prohibited evictions and foreclosures of those who had experienced financial hard-



Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed the executive order Thursday.

ships because of the crisis.

The governor put more residential protections in place on June 30, when he signed the Tenant Safe Harbor Act, which bars residential evictions and foreclosures “for anyone who has suffered a financial hardship during the pandemic until all of a county’s businesses have been permitted to reopen.”

Some of Long Island’s commercial sector is beginning to recover financially since Cuomo began allowing business segments to reopen in phases after mandated shutdowns in March to help stop the spread of the virus.

But retail is still the most impacted of all commercial sectors on Long Island.

About 30% of 23 retail landlords did not receive June rent from at least half of their Long Island tenants, according to a poll conducted by the Association for a Better Long Island, a Hauppauge-based economic development group, and Long Island Builders Institute, an Islandia-based trade association representing residential and mixed-use property builders and other professionals in the real estate industry.

Those 23 landlords own about 7 million square feet of retail space on Long Island.

TECH STARTUP MOVES FROM NYC TO LI

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A small public company is moving from Brooklyn to Bohemia for more space to meet the anticipated demand for its medical devices because of the coronavirus, executives said.

Brain Scientific Inc. has rented 3,481 square feet at 125 Wilbur Place in Bohemia for use as a headquarters and research laboratory. The facility is more than three times the size of the Brooklyn office, where the lease has expired.

The technology startup has seven employees.

Boris Goldstein, chairman and executive vice president, said Brain Scientific products are used to diagnose and treat ailments such as epilepsy, Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease.

One device, NeuroCap, is a disposable headset that performs an electroencephalogram test, or EEG, to detect the brain’s electrical activity.

“We expect, due to COVID-19, an increase in our business since we produce FDA-approved, single-use caps that help minimize cross-contamination and optimize sanitary practices,” he said on Wednesday.

Besides NeuroCap, Brain Scientific sells a portable EEG device that fits in the palm of the hand, called NeuroEEG. The wireless device works with NeuroCap to perform rapid EEG tests in hospital emergency rooms, nursing homes, athletic fields, ambulances and urgent care clinics.

Each NeuroCap sells for \$109 while NeuroEEG is \$6,500. Both are made by contract manufacturers, though



Boris Goldstein, chairman of Brain Scientific Inc., displays one of the company’s devices, the NeuroCap, which is used to perform tests on the brain. The seven-person firm is moving to Bohemia.

Goldstein said Brain Scientific is pursuing international certification to produce them someday.

He said the larger space in Bohemia is needed for quality assurance and quality control inspections of the devices and research projects.

Brain Scientific is interested in working with “other R&D and manufacturing facilities that we may be able to leverage through” being on Long Island, he said.

The startup went public in 2018 with shares trading on the Over-The-Counter Pink market. As of March, the 19.4 million shares were owned by about 70 investors, according to securities filings. The stock closed at \$1.80 on Thursday.

Brain Scientific reported a

loss of \$1 million last year on revenue of \$489,202. The company lost \$2.8 million in the six months ended June 30 on revenue of \$220,504.

“We have very limited resources,” executives stated in the March annual report to shareholders. “To date, our primary activities have been limited to . . . performing business and financial planning, raising capital, recruiting personnel, negotiating with business partners and the licensors of our intellectual property and conducting development activities.”

They continued, “Our first products, the NeuroCap and NeuroEEG, are ready for commercialization and sale and we have commenced some nonrecurring, initial sales.”

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