

AN ACT

Bill 20-58
Act 20-415
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District of
Columbia
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Tenant Bill of
Rights
Amendment
Act of 2014

To amend the Office of the Chief Tenant Advocate Establishment Act of 2005 to require the Office of the Tenant Advocate to publish a Tenant Bill of Rights; and to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to require a housing provider to provide a tenant with a Tenant Bill of Rights upon the tenant's submission of an application to lease a residential rental unit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Tenant Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Section 2067 of the Office of the Chief Tenant Advocate Establishment Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 42-3531.07), is amended as follows:

Amend
§ 42-3531.07

(a) Paragraph (6A)(D) is amended by striking the word “and”.

(b) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(c) A new paragraph (8) is added to read as follows:

“(8) Publish a Tenant Bill of Rights, which shall be updated periodically, and noticed in the District of Columbia Register.”.

Sec. 3. Section 222(b) of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective August 5, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-145; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.22(b)), is amended as follows:

Amend
§ 42-3502.22

(a) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(1) Subparagraph (J) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(2) A new subparagraph (K) is added to read as follows:

“(K) A Tenant Bill of Rights published by the Office of the Tenant Advocate pursuant to section 2067(8) of the Office of the Chief Tenant Advocate Establishment Act of 2005, effective October 20, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code § 42-3531.07(8)).”.

(b) A new paragraph (1A) is added to read as follows:

“(1A) The requirement in paragraph (1)(K) of this subsection shall apply to an application for a residential rental unit submitted 90 days after a Tenant Bill of Rights is noticed in the District of Columbia Register.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.