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I oppose this entire bill--all the pieces and parts. If it's my property, it behooves me to take care of it, maintain it in good condition and/or improve it, market it for a profit, rent it for income, and --HERE'S THE PART YOU LEGISLATORS SHOULD FOCUS ON--pay my property taxes when due. Now if I keep it in good condition or make improvements, the value increases. then the appraised value increases. Taxes go up! as a landlord, I try to judge a prospective tenant's ability to pay the full rent, and on time. I try to judge his lifestyle, the probability that he'll keep it in the shape it was when he moved in so I won't have a lot of repair work before I can rent it again (DEDUCTIONS ON MY TAXES--uh oh, money from the State's coffers). As to the specific added language, i.e., inquiring about or disclosing immigration status or rejecting an applicant due to immigration status, there're several concerns I'd have with an undocumented person(s) over a citizen: he might leave the country abruptly; he might invite other undocumented persons to stay; he might make his money dealing drugs or cooking drugs; "customers' may do damage to the house; law enforcement might raid the house and cause damage.

In short, one has to wonder if the sponsors have ever owned rental property themselves. Poorly conceived bill.

Vote NO. Shred this bill. Trash it. Never bring it up again!