

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB4211

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 705/4 new

Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Payment Non-discrimination Act. Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Provides that a lessor of residential real estate may not require a lessee to use an electronic system as the only method for the payment of rent. Provides that a lessor may offer a discount in exchange for the lessee to use an electronic system to pay rent, but may not assess any fee or other charge if a lessee chooses not to use an electronic system. Provides that an agreement by a lessee in a residential dwelling that waives or modifies his or her rights under the new provisions is void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy.

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- 1 AN ACT concerning civil law, which may be referred to as 2 the Payment Non-discrimination Act.
- Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:
- Section 5. The Landlord and Tenant Act is amended by adding

 Section 4 as follows:
- 7 (765 ILCS 705/4 new)
- 8 Sec. 4. Electronic payment of rent in residential leases.
- 9 (a) A lessor of residential real estate may not require a
 10 lessee to use an electronic system as the only method for the
 11 payment of rent. A lessor may offer a discount in exchange for
 12 the lessee to use an electronic system to pay rent, but may not
 13 assess any fee or other charge if a lessee chooses not to use
- 14 an electronic system.
- 15 <u>(b) An agreement by a lessee in a residential dwelling that</u>
 16 <u>waives or modifies his or her rights as set forth in this</u>
 17 Section is void and unenforceable as contrary to public policy.