

### **103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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#### HB4104

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Creates the Let the People Lift the Ban Act. Includes legislative findings and purpose. Defines terms. Excludes specified types of residences and occupancies from the Act. Includes provisions relating to rental agreements, tenant and landlord rights and obligations, tenant and landlord remedies, security deposits, retaliatory conduct, lockouts, and conflict with other provisions of law. Amends the Rent Control Preemption Act. Provides that a prohibition on a unit of local government enacting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property does not apply if the voters of the unit of local government have approved a referendum allowing rent control. Adds provisions about local rent control regulation, including regulation within a district, precinct, ward, or other similar subdivision of a unit of local government. Changes the home rule preemption of the Act to concurrent exercise of home rule powers by a unit rather than exclusive exercise by the State. Repeals the Retaliatory Eviction Act. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning civil law.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Letthe People Lift the Ban Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) There is a significant shortage of safe,
8 affordable, and healthy rental housing in the State,
9 especially for hundreds of thousands of lower-income
10 renters. One-third of residents, or nearly 1.6 million
11 households, depend on rental housing.

12 (2) The rate at which rent has increased in the State 13 has continued to outpace the increase in residents' real 14 wages, resulting in an increasing rent burden borne by 15 households, especially vulnerable populations. This 16 growing burden threatens the quality and stability of 17 housing available to renters.

(3) Many households that depend on rental housing are 18 19 low-income and are rent-burdened, meaning that they pay than 30% of the 20 household income more on rent. 21 Additionally, some of these households are severely 22 cost-burdened, meaning that the household must devote more than 50% of the household income to paying rent, leaving 23

little for other household necessities, such as health
 care, education, vocational training, transportation, or
 utilities.

(4) An inability to find affordable housing negatively 4 5 impacts tenants' economic stability, health and well-being, 6 and capacity to participate in their 7 communities. A lack of stable housing may limit a parent's ability to maintain employment, a child's capacity to 8 9 succeed at school, and, for lower-income families, the 10 potential to escape the cycle of poverty.

11 (5) Tenants' inability to find and retain affordable 12 housing results in increased rates of involuntary 13 displacement, eviction, and property turnover, creating 14 additional burdens for landlords and property owners, 15 social service agencies, local governments, and the 16 judicial system, as well as renter households.

Section 10. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to promote the maintenance and expansion of the supply of healthy, accessible, safe, and affordable rental housing, and to establish the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants in the rental of dwelling units in the State. This Act is remedial in its general purpose and shall be construed liberally to achieve its objectives.

24 Section 15. Definitions. As used in this Act:

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"Dwelling unit" means any structure or part of 1 а 2 structure, or land appurtenant to a structure, or any parcel of real property that is rented or available for rent for 3 residential use and occupancy by one or more persons who 4 5 maintain a household together, with the common areas and all housing services, privileges, furnishings, and facilities 6 supplied in connection with the use or occupancy of the unit, 7 8 including garage and parking facilities. "Dwelling unit" 9 includes a mobile or manufactured home or mobile or 10 manufactured home lot where the tenant has entered into a 11 rental agreement to reside in the home or home lot.

12 "Harass" or "harassing" means knowing conduct that is not 13 necessary to accomplish a purpose reasonable under the 14 circumstances that would cause a reasonable tenant emotional 15 distress and does cause emotional distress to the tenant.

16 "Landlord" means the owner, agent, lessor, sublessor, or 17 the successor in interest of the owner, agent, lessor, or 18 sublessor of a dwelling unit or the building of which it is 19 part.

20 "Move-in fee" means the fee that a landlord charges to a 21 tenant that is reasonably related to the landlord's cost for a 22 tenant moving into the dwelling unit, including, but not 23 limited to, additional security costs or additional trash 24 removal.

25 "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally,26 in whom is vested all or part of the legal title to property,

1 or all or part of the beneficial ownership, and a right to 2 present use and enjoyment of the premises, including a 3 mortgagee in possession.

"Owner-occupied" means that the residential building, or
at least a portion or one unit of a residential building,
condominium, or cooperative, is occupied by the owner of the
residential building as the owner's principal residence.

8 "Person" means an individual, corporation, government, 9 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, 10 trust, partnership or association, or any other legal or 11 commercial entity unless otherwise expressly excluded.

12 "Premises" means the dwelling unit and the structure of 13 which it is a part, facilities and appurtenances in the 14 dwelling unit or structure, and grounds, areas, and facilities 15 held out for the use of tenants.

16 "Rent" means all payments to be made to the landlord under 17 the rental agreement. When it is used as a determination of 18 damages, and the tenant has a subsidized rent, such as a 19 housing choice voucher, "rent" means the full market rent, not 20 the tenant rent based on income.

21 "Rental agreement" or "lease" means a written or oral 22 agreement, and any valid rules and regulations adopted under 23 subsection (c) of Section 45, embodying the terms and 24 conditions concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit 25 and premises.

26 "Security deposit" means funds provided to a landlord to

secure payment or performance of a tenant's obligations under a rental agreement, or the obligations of the tenant for its guests or pets, and the identifiable proceeds of the funds, however denominated. "Security deposit" does not include rent or fees.

6 "Tenant" means a person entitled, by written or oral 7 agreement, subtenancy approved by the landlord, or by 8 sufferance, to occupy a dwelling unit to the exclusion of 9 others.

10 "Written notice" means communications in writing shared as 11 handwritten, typed, or printed documents, mailed documents, or 12 electronically mailed or messaged documents.

13 Section 20. Exclusions.

14 (a) The following arrangements are not governed by this15 Act:

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(1) Transient occupancy in a hotel or motel.

17 (2) Residence at a public or private medical facility,
18 extended-care facility, geriatric facility, convent,
19 monastery, religious institution, temporary overnight
20 shelter, transitional shelter, educational dormitory, or
21 in a structure operated for the benefit of a social or
22 fraternal organization.

(3) Occupancy under a contract sale of a dwelling unitif the occupant is the purchaser.

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(4) Occupancy in a cooperative apartment by a

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1 shareholder of the cooperative.

2 (5) Occupancy by an employee of a landlord whose
3 occupancy is conditional upon employment in or about the
4 premises.

5 (6) Occupancy in a residential building in which 6 occupancy is limited to 6 units or fewer and that is 7 owner-occupied.

8 (7) Occupancy in a residential unit that is a 9 single-family home, including a single condominium unit, 10 if:

11 (A) the unit is the only residential unit leased12 by the owner;

(B) the owner or immediate family member has actually resided at the property for at least one month in the 12 months prior to marketing the property;

17 (C) the owner, not a management company,18 personally manages the unit; and

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(D) the owner is not a corporation.

(8) Occupancy in a dwelling unit in a hotel, motel, inn, bed and breakfast establishment, rooming house, or boardinghouse, but only until the dwelling unit has been occupied by a tenant for 32 or more continuous days and tenant pays a monthly rent, exclusive of any period of wrongful occupancy contrary to agreement with an owner. No landlord shall bring an action to recover possession of

the unit, or avoid renting periodically, in order to avoid the application of this paragraph. Any willful attempt to avoid application of this paragraph by an owner may be punishable by criminal or civil actions.

5 (b) If a residence is excluded from coverage by this 6 Section, the owner shall make this exclusion known to 7 prospective tenants in marketing materials and shall 8 prominently state the exclusion on any application materials 9 before the owner accepts any application fees, credit check 10 fees, or holding fees.

(c) The anti-lockout prohibition under Section 70 applies to all dwelling units that are otherwise excluded by paragraphs (3), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of subsection (a).

14 (d) A landlord may not create a rental agreement in the 15 form of an excluded agreement to avoid the application of this 16 Section.

(e) Where a mobile home owner who, as a tenant, rents a manufactured home lot in a mobile home park, as those terms are defined or used in the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act, the park owner does not have to ensure that the mobile home:

(1) is maintained in accordance with the habitability
standards under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section
30;

(2) has adequate heat under subsection (d) of Section
30; or

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(3) is maintained free of bedbugs under subsection (d)
 of Section 55.

3 (f) Park owners shall ensure that any lots rented to 4 mobile homeowners comply with subsections (Q), (R), (S), (T), 5 (W), and (X) of the habitability standards under paragraph (3) 6 of subsection (c) of Section 30.

7 Section 25. Rental agreements.

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8 (a) When a landlord and a tenant enter into a rental 9 agreement, that rental agreement shall comply with the 10 requirements of this Section regardless of the duration of the 11 tenancy. A landlord and tenant may include in a rental 12 agreement any terms and conditions that are not prohibited by this Section or other law, including rent, term of the 13 14 agreement, and other provisions governing the rights and 15 obligations of the parties.

16 (b) Any written rental agreement subject to this Section 17 shall contain the full names of all known occupants of the 18 dwelling unit leased or to be leased under the rental 19 agreement. The individual occupancy of the dwelling unit may 20 not exceed the maximum occupancy permitted elsewhere in the 21 applicable building code for that size unit.

(c) Rent is to be payable at the time and place agreed upon by the parties. Unless otherwise agreed, rent is payable at the dwelling unit at the beginning of any term of one month or less or in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each - 9 - LRB103 32587 LNS 62200 b

month. Unless otherwise agreed, rent shall be uniformly
 apportionable from day to day.

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3 (d) Unless otherwise agreed, when a tenant pays weekly,
4 the tenancy shall be week to week and, in all other cases,
5 month to month.

6 (e) The following apply to an unsigned or undelivered7 written rental agreement:

8 (1) If the landlord and tenant have agreed to a 9 written rental agreement, and the landlord fails to sign 10 or deliver the written agreement to the tenant, the 11 landlord's acceptance of rent, without reservation by the 12 landlord, gives the rental agreement the same effect as if 13 the landlord had signed and delivered the written rental 14 agreement to the tenant.

15 (2) If the landlord and tenant have agreed to a 16 written rental agreement, and the tenant fails to sign or 17 deliver the written agreement to the landlord, the 18 tenant's acceptance of possession and payment of rent, 19 without reservation, gives the rental agreement the same 20 effect as if the tenant had signed and delivered the 21 written rental agreement to the landlord.

(3) A written rental agreement given effect by the
operation of this subsection shall have a term of one
year.

25 (f) A rental agreement may not require that the tenant or 26 the landlord: - 10 - LRB103 32587 LNS 62200 b

(1) waive or forgo rights or remedies under this
 Section, State law, or federal law;

3 (2) authorize a confession of judgment, or any entry
4 of a judgment by a court without written notice or a trial,
5 for any claim, including, but not limited to, debts,
6 liabilities, damages, and obligations, arising out of the
7 rental agreement;

8 (3) waive any written termination of tenancy notice or 9 manner of service of the written termination provided under State law or this Section, summons, 10 copy of 11 complaint, petition, right to notice, motion, entry of 12 appearance, or other documents from the court as established through the judicial process in the manner 13 14 provided by the Code of Civil Procedure or any action, 15 regardless of good cause or cost;

16 (4) agree to a nondisparagement clause that limits any 17 statements, written or oral remarks, or other 18 communications, public or private, directly or indirectly 19 by tenants regarding the landlord, made property, 20 management, staff, officers, directors, representatives, shareholders, administrators, affiliates, 21 investors, 22 employees, affiliated corporations, divisions, or 23 subsidiaries;

(5) limit any liability of the tenant or landlord
arising under law or indemnify the tenant or landlord for
that liability or the costs connected with that liability;

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(6) waive the right of any party to a trial by jury;

(7) agree that the tenant will pay the landlord's
attorney's fees of a lawsuit arising out of the tenancy,
except as provided for by law. This paragraph also applies
to a mobile home owner who, as a tenant, rents a mobile
home lot in a mobile home park, as those terms are defined
or used in the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act;

8 (8) agree that either party may cancel or terminate a 9 rental agreement at a different time or within a shorter 10 time period than the other party, unless these terms are 11 disclosed in a separate written notice;

12 (9) agree that a tenant shall pay a charge, fee or penalty in excess of \$10 per month for the first \$1,000 in 13 14 monthly rent plus 5% per month for any amount in excess of 15 \$1,000 in monthly rent for the late payment of rent. This 16 paragraph also applies to a mobile home owner who, as a 17 tenant, rents a mobile home lot in a mobile home park, as those terms are defined or used in the Mobile Home 18 19 Landlord and Tenant Rights Act;

(10) agree that a tenant shall receive a discount in excess of \$10 per month for the first \$1,000 in monthly rent plus 5% per month for any amount in excess of \$1,000 in monthly rent if the tenant pays rent before a specified date or within a specified time period in the month;

(11) agree that a landlord shall apply rent payments
to a charge other than rent, including, but not limited

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to, utilities, fines, late fees, or other charges; or

(12) agree that the landlord shall impose a fee in
excess of the reasonable cost of that expense, including,
but not limited to, credit check fees and move-in fees. A
landlord shall not rename a fee or charge to avoid
application of this paragraph.

7 (g) A landlord shall not enforce a provision prohibited by 8 this Section. If a landlord deliberately uses a rental 9 agreement containing any provision known by the landlord to be 10 prohibited, the tenant may recover actual damages or 2 months' 11 rent, whichever is greater.

12 (h) Subsection (f) applies to rental agreements entered13 into on or after June 1, 2023.

14 Section 30. Tenant rights.

(a) In addition to any rights provided under federal or
State law, a tenant has the rights specified in this Section
under the circumstances set forth in this Section.

18 (b) A tenant has the following rights relating to 19 disclosure of costs:

(1) The tenant has the right to disclosure of utility
costs. A landlord shall disclose to the tenant whether the
landlord or tenant bears the responsibility for payment of
the cost of a utility for the dwelling unit.

(2) In rental agreements in which the tenant pays thecost of a utility for a dwelling unit and is directly

responsible to the utility company, the utility service shall be individually metered to the dwelling unit and the landlord shall disclose to the tenant in the rental agreement the annual cost of service from the utility providing the primary service during the previous 12 months, if known.

7 (3) In rental agreements in which the tenant pays the cost of a utility for a dwelling unit to the landlord, the 8 9 landlord shall disclose to the tenant in the rental 10 agreement the annual cost of service from the utility 11 providing the primary service during the previous 12 12 months. If the landlord did not own the dwelling unit during the previous 12 months or did not pay the utility 13 14 costs to the utility provider on behalf of the tenant during the previous 12 months, the landlord may satisfy 15 16 this requirement by providing cost of service for a 17 similar dwelling unit, if known, or disclose to the tenant that the utility costs are unknown to the landlord. 18

19 (4) When the landlord charges a move-in fee, the 20 landlord shall provide the tenant with an itemized list of 21 the landlord's reasonable estimate of the costs that 22 comprise the move-in fee and shall not charge the tenant 23 moving into the premises for costs associated with routine 24 maintenance and the upkeep of the premises.

25 (c) A tenant has the following rights relating to 26 habitability of a dwelling unit:

1 (1) A tenant has the right to a dwelling that 2 materially complies with habitability standards and shall 3 have the right to a remedy when the property is not in 4 material compliance with habitability standards.

5 (2) Where the property is in a municipality that has 6 adopted a municipal building code or in unincorporated 7 areas of a county that has adopted a county building code, 8 the landlord and tenant may use that municipal building 9 code or that county building code as reference for 10 determining habitability standards.

(3) Habitability standards include, but are not
 limited to, any of the following circumstances:

(A) floors with structural integrity, in sound
condition, and maintained in good repair, with the
safe load-bearing requirements;

(B) buildings, structures, and parts of buildings
with structural integrity, in sound condition, and
maintained in good repair;

(C) appropriate number, width, construction, location, and accessibility of exits, stairway, fire escape, or directional signs with structural integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good repair;

(D) appropriate number, location, and
 accessibility of smoke alarms, smoke detectors,
 sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, fire alarm

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systems, automatic fire detectors, and fire
 extinguishers;

(E) elevators with structural integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good repair;

(F) flush toilet, bathroom sink, bathtub or shower, and kitchen sink with structural integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good repair;

8 (G) heating facilities and gas-fired appliances 9 with structural integrity, in sound condition, and 10 maintained in good repair;

(H) adequate heat, cold water, and hot water in amounts and at levels and times as required by law;

(I) adequate hall or stairway lighting with
structural integrity, in sound condition, and
maintained in good repair;

(J) foundation, exterior walls, and exterior roof
with structural integrity, in sound condition,
maintained in good repair, and substantially
watertight and protected against rodents;

(K) floors, interior walls, and ceilings with
 structural integrity, in sound condition, and
 maintained in good repair;

(L) windows, exterior doors, and basement
 hatchways with structural integrity, in sound
 condition, maintained in good repair, and
 substantially tight with locks or security devises,

including deadlatch locks, deadbolt locks, sash and ventilation locks, and front door windows or peepholes; (M) screens with structural integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good repair;

(N) stairways or porches with structural integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good repair;

9 (0) basement and cellar with structural integrity, 10 in sound condition, maintained in good repair, and in 11 a safe and sanitary condition;

(P) facilities, equipment, and chimneys in safe
with structural integrity, maintained in good repair,
and in sound working condition;

(Q) prevention against the accumulation of
 stagnant water;

17 (R) extermination of insects, rodents, and other18 pests;

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(S) adequate facilities for refuse disposal;

20 (T) prevention against the accumulation of
21 garbage, trash, refuse, or debris;

(U) adequate light and ventilation with structural
 integrity, in sound condition, and maintained in good
 repair;

(V) plumbing facilities, piping, fixtures,
 appurtenances, and appliances with structural

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integrity, in good operating condition, and maintained 1 in sound repair;

(W) electrical systems, circuits, receptacles, and 3 devices with structural integrity, in sound condition, 4 5 and maintained in good repair;

6 (X) any other equipment that the landlord agrees 7 to or is required to supply, by any applicable law, 8 with structural integrity, in sound operating 9 condition, and maintained in good repair; and

10 (Y) a dwelling unit and common areas in a fit and 11 habitable condition and in compliance with all 12 applicable laws.

13 (d) A tenant has a right to adequate heat. From September 14 15 through June 1 of each year, landlords shall maintain the 15 temperature inside a dwelling unit to be at least 68 degrees 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and at least 66 degrees from 10:30 17 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.

A tenant has the following rights relating to 18 (e) 19 exclusive possession and to be free from unlawful entry:

20 (1) If the landlord fails to deliver possession of the dwelling unit to the tenant in compliance with the rental 21 22 agreement, rent abates until the landlord delivers 23 possession and the tenant may:

(A) on written notice to the landlord, terminate 24 25 the rental agreement and, upon termination, the landlord shall return within 48 hours all security 26

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1 deposits; or

2 (B) demand performance of the rental agreement 3 and, if the tenant elects, the tenant may maintain an action for possession of the dwelling unit against the 5 landlord or any person wrongfully in possession and recover the damages sustained by the tenant. 6

7 (2) A tenant may recover from the person withholding possession an amount not more than 2 months' rent or twice 8 9 the actual damages sustained by the tenant, whichever is 10 greater, and reasonable attorney's fees.

11 (3) If the landlord makes an unlawful entry or a 12 lawful entry in an unreasonable manner or makes repeated 13 demands for entry otherwise lawful, but which has the 14 effect of harassing the tenant, the tenant may obtain 15 injunctive relief to prevent the recurrence of the conduct 16 or terminate the rental agreement. In each case, the 17 tenant may recover an amount equal to not more than 2 months' rent or twice the damages sustained by the tenant, 18 19 whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees.

20 (f) At any time prior to the issuance of any order of possession or eviction order made under Article IX of the Code 21 22 of Civil Procedure, the tenant has a one-time right to cure the 23 nonpayment of rent by paying the landlord unpaid rent, owed 24 from the date of nonpayment to the date of payment, together 25 with all filing fees and costs paid by the landlord and all 26 fees and costs expended by the landlord for service of

1 process, but not including attorney fees. If the tenant pays 2 under this subsection, then the Court shall vacate any order 3 of possession or eviction order and dismiss the case. If the 4 landlord refuses to provide the total amount due, the tenant 5 may cure by making a good faith payment of the amount that the 6 tenant believes to be due.

7 Section 35. Tenant remedies.

(a) If the landlord is not in material compliance with the 8 9 rental agreement or with Section 30, the tenant may deliver a 10 written notice to the landlord specifying the items of 11 material noncompliance. The tenant may deliver this written notice at any time of month. The written notice shall indicate 12 that the tenant will withhold rent on the next rent payment 13 14 date if the landlord has not remedied the material 15 noncompliance within 14 days after receipt of written notice. 16 The tenant may withhold an amount of rent that reasonably reflects the reduced value of the premises. The tenant may not 17 18 withhold for a condition caused by the deliberate or negligent 19 act or omission of the tenant, a member of the tenant's family, 20 or other person on the premises with the tenant's consent.

(b) If the landlord is not in material compliance with the rental agreement or with Section 30, the tenant may deliver a written notice to the landlord specifying the items of material noncompliance. The tenant may deliver this written notice at any time of month. The written notice shall indicate

that the tenant will terminate the rental agreement and vacate 1 2 the property if the landlord has not remedied the material 3 noncompliance within 14 days after receipt of written notice. The tenant may not terminate for a condition caused by the 4 5 deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant, a member of the tenant's family, or other person on the premises 6 with the tenant's consent. If the tenant does not vacate the 7 8 property within one month after the expiration of the 14-day 9 period or the end of the next rental period, whichever is 10 longer, then the tenant's written notice shall be deemed 11 withdrawn and the rental agreement shall remain in full force 12 and effect. If the rental agreement is terminated, the 13 landlord shall return the security deposit immediately upon 14 the tenant tendering possession.

15 (c) If the landlord is not in material compliance with the 16 rental agreement or with Section 30, the tenant may recover 17 damages and obtain injunctive relief for any material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or 18 with Section 30. The landlord shall have an affirmative 19 20 defense to this action that the condition was caused by a deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant, a 21 22 member of the tenant's family, or other person on the premises 23 with the tenant's consent.

24 (d) A tenant has the following remedies for denial of25 essential services:

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(1) If the landlord fails to supply heat, running

water, hot water, electricity, gas, or plumbing that the 1 rental agreement requires the landlord to provide, or 2 3 Internet access if the rental agreement requires the landlord to provide Internet access, the tenant shall 4 5 deliver a written notice to the landlord specifying the service to be restored. If the landlord fails to correct 6 7 the condition within 24 hours after being notified by the tenant, the tenant may: 8

9 (A) withhold from the monthly rent an amount that 10 reasonably reflects the reduced value of the premises 11 due to the material noncompliance or failure;

(B) procure reasonable amounts of heat, running
water, hot water, electricity, gas, or plumbing
service and, upon presentation to the landlord of paid
receipts, deduct the cost from the tenant's rent;

16 (C) recover damages based upon the diminution in 17 the fair rental value of the dwelling unit and 18 reasonable attorney fees; or

(D) procure substitute housing and not pay rent
for the period of noncompliance. The tenant may
recover the cost of reasonable value of the substitute
housing up to an amount equal to the monthly rent and
reasonable fees.

(2) In addition to the remedy under paragraph (1), the
 tenant may terminate the rental agreement by written
 notice to the landlord if the landlord fails to supply

heat, running water, hot water, electricity, gas, or 1 2 plumbing that the rental agreement requires the landlord 3 to provide, or Internet access if the rental agreement requires the landlord to provide Internet access, for more 4 5 than 72 hours after the tenant has notified the landlord. If the rental agreement is terminated, the landlord shall 6 7 return all security deposits and the tenant shall deliver possession of the dwelling unit to the landlord within 30 8 9 days after the expiration of the 72-hour time period 10 specified in the written notice or the end of the next rental period, whichever is longer. The landlord shall 11 12 return the security deposit immediately upon the tenant delivering possession. If the tenant does not vacate the 13 14 property within 30 days after the notification of 15 termination or the end of the next rental period, 16 whichever is longer, then the tenant's written notice 17 shall be deemed withdrawn and the rental agreement shall remain in full force and effect. 18

19 (3) The tenant may not exercise the tenant's rights under subsection (c) of Section 35 if the condition was 20 21 caused by the inability of a utility supplier or Internet 22 provider to provide service, unless the landlord caused inability of the utility supplier or 23 the Internet 24 provider, or by the deliberate or negligent act or 25 omission of the tenant, a member of the tenant's family, 26 or other person on the premises with the tenant's consent.

(e) A tenant has the following remedies if there is a fire
 or casualty:

(1) If the dwelling unit or premises is damaged or 3 destroyed by fire or casualty to an extent that the 4 5 dwelling unit or premises is in material noncompliance 6 with the rental agreement or with subsection (c) of 7 Section 35, the tenant may immediately vacate the premises 8 and notify the landlord in writing within 14 days after 9 vacating the premises of the tenant's intention to 10 terminate the rental agreement, in which case the rental 11 agreement terminates as of the date of fire or casualty.

12 (2) If continued occupancy is lawful, the tenant may 13 vacate any part of the dwelling unit rendered unusable by 14 the fire or casualty, in which case the tenant's liability 15 for rent is reduced in proportion to the diminution in the 16 fair rental value of the dwelling unit.

17 (3) If the tenant desires to continue the tenancy and if the landlord has promised or begun work to repair the 18 19 damage or destruction but fails to carry out the work to 20 restore the dwelling unit or common area diligently and 21 within a reasonable time, the tenant may notify the 22 landlord in writing within 14 days after the tenant 23 that work is not being carried becomes aware out 24 diligently or within a reasonable time of the tenant's 25 intention to terminate the rental agreement, in which case 26 the rental agreement terminates as of the date of the fire

1 or casualty.

2 (4) If the rental agreement is terminated, the 3 landlord shall return the security deposit within 48 4 hours. When the landlord accounts for rent after the 5 tenant has terminated the rental agreement, the landlord 6 may not charge rent to the tenant for any date after the 7 date of the fire or casualty.

8 (5) A tenant may not exercise remedies in this 9 subsection if the fire or casualty damage was caused by 10 the deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant, 11 a member of the tenant's family, or a person on the 12 premises with the tenant's consent.

13 (f) A tenant may withhold rent to undertake minor repairs 14 as follows:

15 (1) If the landlord is not in material compliance with the rental agreement or with Section 30 and the reasonable 16 17 cost of compliance does not exceed \$500 or one-half 18 month's rent, whichever amount is greater, the tenant may 19 notify the landlord in writing that, if the landlord does 20 not remedy the condition within 14 days after receipt of 21 the written notice or as promptly as conditions require in 22 case of emergency, the tenant will correct the condition 23 and withhold the cost of the repair from the tenant's next 24 rent payment. The tenant shall have work done in a 25 workmanlike manner. The tenant shall submit to the 26 landlord a paid bill from an appropriate tradesperson or supplier at the same time as deducting the amount from the
 tenant's rent. The tenant may not expend or deduct more
 than the amount specified in this subsection.

4 (2) A tenant shall not repair at the landlord's 5 expense or deduct rent if the condition was caused by the 6 deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant, a 7 member of the tenant's family, or other person on the 8 premises with the tenant's permission.

9 (3) Before correcting a condition affecting facilities 10 shared by more than one dwelling unit, the tenant shall 11 notify all other affected tenants of the tenant's plans 12 and so arrange the work as to create the least practicable 13 inconvenience to the other tenants.

14 Section 40. Tenant obligations. The tenant shall:

(1) comply with all obligations imposed upon tenantsby law applicable to the dwelling unit;

17 (2) keep the part of the premises that the tenant
18 occupies and uses as safe as the condition of the premises
19 permits;

(3) dispose from the dwelling unit all ashes, rubbish,
garbage, and other waste in a clean and safe manner;

(4) keep all plumbing fixtures in the dwelling unit or
used by the tenant as clean as conditions permits;

(5) reasonably use all electrical, plumbing, sanitary,
 heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and other

1 facilities and appliances, including elevators, in the 2 premises;

3 (6) not deliberately destroy, deface, damage, impair,
4 or remove any part of the premises or knowingly permit any
5 person to do so;

6 (7) not disturb the tenant's neighbors' peaceful 7 enjoyment of the premises; and

8 (8) unless otherwise agreed, only occupy the dwelling
9 unit as a dwelling unit.

10 Section 45. Landlord rights.

11 (a) In addition to any rights provided under federal and 12 State law, a landlord has the rights specified in this 13 Section.

14 (b) A landlord has the following rights of entry and 15 restrictions on entry:

16 (1) A tenant shall not unreasonably withhold consent
 17 to allow the landlord to enter the dwelling unit to:

18 (A) inspect the premises or conduct inspections
19 authorized or required by any governmental agency;

(B) make necessary or agreed repairs, decorations,
alterations, or improvements, including when work
elsewhere in the building requires access through the
tenant's premises;

24 (C) supply necessary or agreed upon services;25 (D) exhibit the dwelling unit to prospective or

actual purchasers, mortgagees, workers, or
 contractors;

3 (E) exhibit the dwelling unit to prospective 4 tenants 60 days or less prior to the expiration of the 5 existing rental agreement; or

6 (F) determine a tenant's compliance with 7 provisions in the rental agreement.

8 (2) The landlord may only enter at reasonable times, 9 except in case of an emergency. An entry between 8:00 a.m. 10 and 8:00 p.m. or at any other time expressly requested by 11 the tenant shall be presumed reasonable. The following 12 also apply to the landlord's entry:

(A) A landlord may enter the dwelling unit withoutconsent of the tenant in case of an emergency.

(B) The landlord shall not abuse the right ofaccess or use it to harass the tenant.

17 (C) Except in cases of an emergency, the landlord shall give the tenant at least 2 days' written notice 18 of the landlord's intent to enter. The landlord shall 19 20 provide this written notice directly to each dwelling 21 unit by mail, telephone, or written notice or by other 22 reasonable means designed in good faith to provide 23 written notice to the tenant. If access is required 24 because of repair work for common facilities or 25 multiple apartments, a general written notice may be 26 given by the landlord to all potentially affected

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tenants that entry may be required. When access is authorized due to an emergency, the landlord shall give the tenant written notice of entry within 2 days after the entry.

5 (D) If the tenant refuses to allow lawful access, 6 the landlord may obtain injunctive relief to compel 7 access or terminate the rental agreement. In either 8 case, the landlord may recover damages and reasonable 9 attorney's fees.

10 (E) If the landlord makes an unlawful entry or 11 entry in an unreasonable manner, or makes repeated 12 unreasonable demands for entry that have the effect of 13 harassing the tenant, the tenant may obtain injunctive 14 relief to prevent the recurrence of the conduct or 15 terminate the rental agreement. In each case, the 16 tenant may recover an amount equal to one month's rent 17 or twice the damages sustained, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees. 18

19 (c) A landlord has a right to adopt rules and regulations20 as follows:

(1) The landlord may adopt general rules or regulations concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises. Rules and regulations are enforceable only if in writing and if they are:

(A) made to promote the convenience, safety, and
 welfare of the tenants in the premises, made to

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preserve the landlord's property from abusive use, or a fair distribution of services and facilities among tenants;

4 (B) reasonably related to the purpose for which
5 they are adopted;

(C) applied fairly to all tenants in the premises;

7 (D) sufficiently clear to inform the tenant of
8 what the tenant must or must not do to comply;

9 (E) not for the purpose of evading the obligations 10 of the landlord; and

(F) not for the purpose of preventing tenants to assemble or otherwise communicate with each other about the premises.

14 (2) A rule or regulation adopted after the tenant
15 enters into the rental agreement that substantially
16 modifies the rental agreement is not enforceable unless
17 the tenant consents in writing.

18 Section 50. Landlord remedies.

(a) The landlord has the following remedies when thetenant fails to pay rent:

(1) If the tenant is not in material compliance with the obligation to pay rent, the landlord may deliver to the tenant a written notice of the landlord's intention to terminate the rental agreement. The landlord shall serve the written notice in compliance with State law. If the

tenant does not materially comply with the written notice within 5 days after receipt, the landlord may file an eviction action to terminate the rental agreement.

4 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall affect a 5 landlord's obligation to provide notice of termination of 6 tenancy in subsidized housing as required under federal 7 law or regulations.

8 (3) A landlord may also maintain an action for rent or
 9 damages without terminating the rental agreement.

10 (b) If the landlord alleges that the tenant is not in 11 material compliance with a rental agreement or the obligations 12 in Section 40, the landlord may deliver written notice to the tenant specifying the acts and omissions constituting the 13 alleged breach. The landlord shall serve the written notice in 14 15 compliance with State law. The written notice may provide that 16 the rental agreement will terminate upon a date no less than 10 17 days after the date of the written notice. The tenant shall have the amount of time specified in the written notice to 18 19 remedy any alleged breach by the tenant prior to the date of 20 termination. If the breach is not remedied, the landlord may file an eviction to terminate the rental agreement, as 21 22 provided in the written notice. The landlord may recover 23 damages and obtain injunctive relief for any material 24 noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or the 25 obligations in Section 40. If the landlord does not file an eviction action within 30 days after the notification of 26

termination or the end of the next rental period, whichever is longer, then the landlord's written notice shall be deemed withdrawn and the rental agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5 (c) The landlord has the right to determine abandonment of 6 the dwelling unit and dispose of personal property. The 7 landlord may determine that the tenant has abandoned the 8 dwelling unit and personal property in the following 9 circumstances:

10 (1) The tenant has provided written notice to the 11 landlord indicating the tenant's intention not to return 12 to the dwelling unit.

(2) All persons entitled under a rental agreement have 13 14 been absent from the dwelling unit for a period of 32 days, 15 or for one rental period when the rental agreement is for 16 less than a month, and the persons have removed their 17 personal property from the premises and rent for that period is unpaid. However, if any person entitled to 18 19 occupancy provides the landlord with written notice 20 indicating that a tenant intends to occupy the dwelling unit and make full payments of all amounts due to the 21 22 landlord, then the landlord may not determine that the 23 tenant has abandoned the property.

(3) If the tenant abandons the dwelling unit, the
landlord shall make a good faith effort to rent it at a
fair rental value. A good faith effort includes the

acceptance of reasonable subleases. If the landlord 1 2 succeeds in renting the dwelling unit at a fair rental 3 value, the tenant shall only be liable for the amount by which the rent due from the date of abandonment to the 4 termination of the initial rental agreement exceeds the 5 fair rental value subsequently received by the landlord 6 7 from the date of abandonment to the termination of the initial rental agreement. If the landlord makes a good 8 9 faith effort to rent the dwelling unit at a fair rental 10 value and is unsuccessful, the tenant shall be liable for 11 the rent due for the period of the rental agreement. The 12 tenant shall also be liable for reasonable advertising and redecoration costs incurred by the landlord in re-renting 13 14 the dwelling unit.

15 (4) Unless otherwise agreed, if, upon termination of a 16 tenancy, including, but not limited to, a termination after expiration of a lease or by surrender or abandonment 17 of the premises, a tenant has left personal property on 18 19 the premises, and the landlord reasonably believes that 20 the tenant has abandoned the personal property, the 21 landlord may dispose of the property according to the 22 following procedures:

(A) If the landlord in good faith reasonably
determines that the tenant has left personal property
that is valueless or of such little value that the cost
of storing and conducting a sale would probably exceed

the amount that would be realized from the sale, the 1 2 landlord shall retain the property either in the 3 dwelling unit or remove and store the abandoned property from the dwelling unit and may dispose of the 4 5 property after 7 days. The landlord shall not be required to provide written notice to the tenant of 6 7 the landlord's intent to dispose of property pursuant to this subsection. 8

9 (B) If the landlord in good faith reasonably 10 determines that the tenant has left personal property 11 that has value, the landlord shall notify the tenant 12 in writing of the landlord's demand that the tenant 13 remove the property within dates set forth in the 14 written notice, but no less than 7 days after delivery 15 of the written notice. The landlord may deliver this 16 written notice by posting it in a prominent location 17 inside the dwelling unit or on the front door of the dwelling unit or by electronic means if the parties 18 19 had previously communicated electronically.

20 (C) If the tenant does not remove the property 21 within the time specified, the landlord may sell the 22 property at a public sale or at a commercially 23 reasonable private sale. The landlord may retain the 24 proceeds of the sale to recover any rent owed by the 25 tenant to the landlord. If the proceeds, less 26 reasonable costs incurred by the sale or storage,

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exceed any rent owed to the landlord, the landlord shall retain the proceeds for one year. If the tenant does not claim the proceeds within one year, the proceeds shall be the property of the landlord.

5 (5) At any time that the landlord is storing personal property pursuant to this subsection, the landlord shall 6 7 exercise reasonable care of the property, but shall not be responsible to the tenant for any loss except for damage 8 9 caused by the landlord's deliberate or negligent act or 10 omission. The landlord may elect to store the property in 11 or about the previously vacated premises. The landlord 12 shall be entitled to the cost of storage for the period of time that the property has remained in the landlord's 13 14 safekeeping. In this case, the storage shall not exceed 15 commercially reasonable storage rates. If the tenant's 16 property is removed to a commercial storage company, the 17 storage cost shall include the actual charge for the storage and removal from the premises to the place of 18 19 storage.

20 (6) If the tenant timely responds in writing of the 21 tenant's intention to remove the personal property from 22 the premises and does not do so within the time period in 23 the landlord's written notice or a mutually agreeable 24 date, whichever is later, it is conclusively presumed that 25 they have abandoned the property.

26 (d) If the landlord accepts rent, including holding

payment, knowing that the landlord alleges a lease violation, including a default in the payment of rent by the tenant, the landlord waives the right to terminate the rental agreement for that breach.

5 (e) If the rental agreement is terminated, the landlord 6 may file a claim for possession or for rent and a separate 7 claim for damages for breach of the rental agreement.

8 No tenant shall be required to renew a rental (f) 9 agreement more than 60 days prior to the termination date of 10 the rental agreement. Ιf the landlord violates this 11 subsection, the tenant shall recover one month's rent or 12 actual damages, whichever is greater.

13 The landlord shall notify the tenant in writing at least 60 days prior to the stated termination date of the rental 14 15 agreement of the landlord's intent to terminate а 16 month-to-month tenancy or not renew an existing rental 17 agreement. If the landlord fails to give required written notice, the tenant may remain in the dwelling unit for up to 18 19 120 days after the date on which the required written notice is 20 given to the tenant, regardless of the date specified in the 21 existing rental agreement. During the 120 days, the terms and 22 conditions of the tenancy shall be the same as the terms and 23 conditions during the last month of tenancy.

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Section 55. Landlord obligations.

25 (a) The landlord shall maintain the premises in compliance

1 with all applicable provisions of law, including subsection 2 (c) of Section 30, and shall promptly make any and all repairs 3 to fulfill this obligation.

4 (b) The landlord and tenant of any dwelling unit may agree
5 that the tenant is to perform specified repairs, maintenance
6 tasks, alterations, or remodeling only if:

7 (1) the agreement of the parties is entered into in 8 good faith and not for the purpose of evading obligations 9 of the landlord and is set forth in a separate writing 10 signed by the parties and supported by adequate 11 consideration; and

12 (2) the agreement does not diminish or affect the 13 obligation of the landlord to other tenants on the 14 premises.

15 (c) A landlord has the following obligations relating to 16 providing a written notice concerning habitability:

(1) Before a tenant initially enters into or renews a rental agreement for a dwelling unit, the landlord, or any person authorized to enter into a rental agreement on the landlord's behalf, shall disclose to the tenant in writing:

(A) any code violations which have been cited by
 the municipality or other oversight body during the
 previous 12 months for the dwelling unit and common
 areas and provide written notice of the pendency of
 any code enforcement litigation or administrative

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hearing. The written notice shall provide the case number of the litigation or the identification number of the administrative hearing proceeding and a listing of any code violations cited; and

5 (B) any notice of intent by the municipality or 6 anv utility provider to terminate water, gas, 7 electrical, or other utility service to the dwelling unit or common areas. The disclosure shall state the 8 9 type of service being terminated, the intended date of 10 termination, and whether the termination will affect 11 the dwelling unit, common areas, or both.

12 (2) If the landlord fails to comply with this 13 subsection, the tenant may terminate the rental agreement 14 by written notice. The written notice shall specify the 15 date of termination no later than 30 days after the date of 16 written notice. In addition, if a tenant, in a civil 17 proceeding against an owner or landlord, establishes that the landlord has violated this subsection, the tenant 18 19 shall be entitled to recover one month's rent or actual 20 damages, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees. 21

(d) A landlord has the following obligations to maintainthe premises free from bedbugs:

(1) Landlords subject to this Section must provide to
 all prospective and current lessees with a copy of the
 current, approved United States Environmental Protection

Agency pamphlet on bedbug prevention, detection, and
 control.

3 (2) In any rental dwelling unit in which an
4 infestation of bedbugs is found or reasonably suspected,
5 it is the responsibility of the landlord to:

6 (A) provide pest control services by a pest 7 management professional licensed under the Structural 8 Pest Control Act until no evidence of bedbugs can be 9 found; and

10 (B) maintain a written record of the pest control 11 measures performed by the licensed pest management 12 professional on the rental dwelling unit. The record 13 shall include reports and receipts prepared by the 14 licensed pest management professional. The record shall be maintained for 3 years and shall be open to 15 16 inspection by authorized local personnel, including, 17 but not limited to, employees of the departments of health and buildings. 18

(3) In any rental multiple dwelling unit building in
which an infestation of bedbugs is found or reasonably
suspected, it is the responsibility of the landlord to:

(A) provide pest control services by a licensed
pest management professional until no evidence of
bedbugs can be found within the building or portion of
the building, including the individual rental dwelling
units; and

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(B) maintain a written record of the pest control measures performed by the licensed pest management professional on the building. The record shall include reports and receipts prepared by the pest management professional. The record shall be maintained for 3 years and shall be open to inspection by authorized local personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of the departments of health and buildings.

9 (4) A landlord shall provide the pest control services10 within 10 days after:

11 (A) a bedbug is found or reasonably suspected
12 anywhere on the premises; or

(B) being notified in writing by a tenant of a
known or reasonably suspected bedbug infestation on
the premises or in the tenant's rental dwelling unit.

16 (5) The extermination of bedbugs shall be by 17 inspection and treatment, and if necessary, the inspection and treatment of the dwelling unit on either side of the 18 19 affected dwelling unit and the dwelling unit directly 20 above and below the affected dwelling unit. This pattern of inspection and treatment shall be continued until no 21 22 further infestation is detected.

(6) The tenant shall notify the landlord in writing of
any bedbug detection within 48 hours after noticing the
presence of any bedbugs.

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(7) If the landlord fails to notify the tenant of the

intention to comply with this subsection after receipt of 1 written notice, the tenant may terminate the rental 2 3 agreement by written notice. However, the tenant may exercise the right to terminate the rental agreement only 4 5 if the tenant first gives the landlord written notice of the landlord's breach of this Section and the landlord 6 7 does not remedy the breach within 2 business days after the tenant delivered the written notice of breach. The 8 9 written notice that the tenant intends to terminate the 10 rental agreement shall specify the date of termination no 11 later than 30 days after the date of written notice. The 12 written notices required by this Section may be delivered 13 electronically if the parties have previously communicated 14 electronically. In addition, if a tenant in a civil 15 proceeding against an owner or landlord establishes that a 16 violation of this Section has occurred, the tenant shall 17 recover one month's rent or actual damages, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees. The tenant does 18 19 not have this remedy if the tenant unreasonably refused to 20 cooperate with or unreasonably delayed the extermination 21 process.

(e) The landlord has an obligation to disclose leadhazards as follows:

(1) The landlord must follow all applicable local,
State, and federal regulations regarding the presence of
lead and must specifically:

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(A) provide all prospective and current lessees with a copy of the current, approved United States Environmental Protection Agency pamphlet on lead-based paint disclosure; and

(B) disclose any known lead hazards.

6 (2) If the landlord fails to comply with paragraph (1) 7 after receipt of a written notice of the landlord's 8 failure, the tenant shall recover one month's rent or 9 actual damages, whichever is greater, and reasonable 10 attorney's fees.

11 (f) The landlord has an obligation to disclose information 12 about ownership, management, and agents as follows:

(1) The landlord or any person authorized to enter into a rental agreement on the landlord's behalf shall disclose to the tenant in writing, on or before the commencement of tenancy, the name, address, and telephone number of:

18 (A) the owner or person authorized to manage the19 premises; and

(B) a person authorized to act for or on the behalf
of the owner for the purpose of service of process and
for the purpose of receiving of notices and demands.

(2) A person who fails to comply with this subsection
becomes an agent of each person who is a landlord for the
purpose of:

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(A) service of process and receiving of notices

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and demands; and

2 (B) performing the obligations of the landlord 3 under this Section and under the rental agreement and 4 expending or making available for that purpose all 5 rent collected from the premises.

6 (3) The information required to be furnished by this 7 Section shall be kept current.

8 (4) This Section extends to any successor landlord,
9 owner, or manager.

10 (5)If the landlord fails to comply with this subsection after receipt of a written notice of the 11 12 landlord's failure, the tenant may terminate the rental 13 agreement by written notice. However, the tenant may 14 exercise the right to terminate the rental agreement only 15 if the tenant first gives the landlord written notice of 16 the landlord's breach of this Section and the landlord 17 does not remedy the breach within 2 business days after the tenant delivered the written notice of breach. The 18 19 written notice that the tenant intends to terminate the 20 rental agreement shall specify the date of termination no later than 30 days after the date of written notice. The 21 22 written notices required by this Section may be delivered 23 electronically if the parties have previously communicated 24 electronically. In addition, if a tenant in a legal 25 proceeding against an owner or landlord establishes that a 26 violation of this Section has occurred, the tenant shall

recover \$200 in damages in addition to any other damages,
 attorney's fees, or remedies to which the tenant may also
 be entitled.

4 (g) The landlord has an obligation to disclose foreclosure5 as follows:

6 (1) Within 7 days after being served a foreclosure 7 complaint, an owner or landlord of property that is 8 subject to the foreclosure complaint shall disclose, in 9 writing, to all tenants of the property that a foreclosure 10 action has been filed against the owner or landlord. An 11 owner or landlord shall also disclose, in writing, the 12 notice of a foreclosure to any other third party who has a consistent pattern and practice of paying rent to the 13 owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant. 14

15 (2) Before a tenant initially enters into a rental
16 agreement for a dwelling unit, the owner or landlord shall
17 also disclose, in writing, that the owner or landlord is
18 named in a foreclosure complaint.

19 (3) The written disclosure shall include the court in 20 which the foreclosure action is pending, the case name, 21 and the case number and shall include the following 22 language:

23 "This is not a notice to vacate the premises. This 24 notice does not mean ownership of the building has 25 changed. All tenants are still responsible for payment of 26 rent and other obligations under the rental agreement. The owner or landlord is still responsible for the owner's or landlord's obligations under the rental agreement. You shall receive additional notice if there is a change in ownership.".

5 (4) If the owner or landlord fails to comply with this 6 subsection, the tenant may terminate the rental agreement 7 by written notice. The written notice shall specify the 8 date of termination no later than 30 days after the date of 9 written notice. In addition, if a tenant in a civil proceeding against an owner or landlord establishes that a 10 11 violation of this Section has occurred, the tenant shall 12 recover \$200 in damages in addition to any other damages, 13 attorney's fees, or remedies to which the tenant may also be entitled. 14

15 (h) The liability of a landlord or manager is limited as 16 follows:

(1) Unless otherwise agreed upon, a landlord who sells
the premises is relieved of liability under the agreement
and this Section for events occurring after the conveyance
and occurring after written notice to the tenant of the
sale.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed, the manager of the premises is relieved of liability under the rental agreement and this Section for events occurring after written notice to the tenant of the termination of the manager's management.

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(i) If the landlord fails to comply with the landlord's 1 2 duties under Section 75, the tenant may terminate the rental 3 agreement by written notice. However, the tenant may exercise the right to terminate the rental agreement only if the tenant 4 5 first gives the landlord a written notice of the landlord's breach of Section 75 that also provides notice that the 6 landlord must remedy the breach within 2 business days after 7 the tenant delivered the written notice of breach. The written 8 9 notice that the tenant intends to terminate the rental 10 agreement shall specify the date of termination no later than 11 30 days after the date of written notice. The written notices 12 required by this subsection may be delivered electronically if 13 the parties have previously communicated electronically. In 14 addition, if a tenant in a civil proceeding against an owner or 15 landlord establishes that the landlord has violated Section 75 16 and failed to remedy the breach within 2 business days after 17 the date the tenant delivered written notice of the breach, the tenant shall recover \$200 in damages in addition to any 18 19 other damages, attorney's fees, or remedies to which the 20 tenant may also be entitled.

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Section 60. Security deposits.

(a) A landlord may not demand or receive a security deposit in an amount in excess of one and one-half months' rent. A landlord may not avoid the coverage of this subsection by labeling the fee or charge as anything other than a security - 46 - LRB103 32587 LNS 62200 b

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(b) A tenant shall pay the landlord, at the time the tenant 2 3 moves into the premises or at any other time mutually agreed upon by the parties, the amount of the security required by the 4 5 landlord. Any portion in excess of one month's rent, at the election of the tenant, shall be paid either at the time the 6 7 tenant pays the initial security deposit, or shall be paid in 8 no more than 6 equal installments no later than 6 months after 9 the effective date of the lease.

10 (c) Upon termination of the tenancy, property or money 11 held by the landlord as a security deposit shall be returned to 12 the tenant within 30 days after the tenant has vacated the 13 tenant's dwelling, except the landlord or successor landlord 14 may deduct from the security deposit the following:

(1) any unpaid rent that has not been validly withheld or deducted pursuant to law and any courts costs (but not attorney's fees) awarded by a court in a case that has not been subsequently settled; or

19 (2) any reasonable amount necessary to repair any 20 damage caused to the premises by the tenant, or any person under the tenant's control or on the premises with the 21 22 tenant's consent, reasonable wear and tear excluded. If 23 the tenant caused damage to the premises, the landlord shall deliver or mail to the last known address of the 24 25 tenant, within 30 days, an itemized statement of the 26 damages allegedly caused to the premises and the estimated

or actual cost for repairing or replacing each item on 1 2 that statement, attaching copies of the paid receipts for 3 the repair or replacement. If estimated cost is given, the landlord shall furnish the tenant with copies of paid 4 5 receipts, or a certification of actual costs of repairs of damage if the work was performed by the landlord's 6 7 employees, within 30 days after the date the statement showing estimated costs was furnished to the tenant. 8

9 (d) A landlord shall hold all security deposits in a 10 federally insured account in a bank, savings and loan 11 association, or other financial institution located in the 12 State. A security deposit shall continue to be the property of the tenant making the deposit, shall not be commingled with 13 the assets of the landlord, and shall not be subject to the 14 claims of a creditor of the landlord or of the landlord's 15 16 successors in interest, including a foreclosing mortgagee or 17 trustee in bankruptcy.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, a 18 landlord may accept the payment of the first month's rent and 19 20 security deposit in one check or one electronic funds transfer and deposit the check or electronic funds transfer into one 21 22 account if, within 7 business days after acceptance of the 23 check or electronic funds transfer, the landlord transfers the amount of the security deposit into a separate account that 24 25 complies with this Section.

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(f) The landlord shall clearly and conspicuously disclose

the name of the financial institution where the landlord has deposited the security deposit in the written rental agreement signed by the tenant.

(g) If, during the pendency of the rental agreement, the landlord transfers the security deposit from one financial institution to another, the landlord shall notify the tenant in writing of the name of the new financial institution within 14 days after the transfer or within a reasonable time, given all circumstances.

10 (h) A landlord who receives a security deposit from a 11 tenant shall give a receipt indicating the amount of the 12 security deposit, the name of the person receiving it, and, in the case of the agent, the name of the landlord for whom the 13 14 security deposit is received, the date on which it is 15 received, and a description of the dwelling unit. The receipt 16 shall be signed by the person receiving the security deposit. 17 Failure to comply with this subsection entitles the tenant to immediate return of the security deposit. 18

(i) Upon payment of the security deposit by means of an electronic funds transfer, the landlord shall give the tenant a receipt or an electronic receipt that acknowledges the receipt of the security deposit, a description of the dwelling unit, and an electronic or digital signature of the person receiving the deposit.

(j) If a landlord who has received a security deposit
 sells, leases, or transfers ownership or otherwise transfers

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1 control or other direct or indirect disposition of residential 2 real property, the successor landlord of the property shall be 3 liable to that tenant for any security deposit that has been 4 paid to the transferor.

5 (k) The transferor shall remain jointly and severally liable with the successor landlord to the tenant for the 6 security deposit unless and until this transferor transfers 7 8 the security deposit to the successor landlord and provides 9 written notice to the tenant of the transfer, specifying the 10 name, business address, and business telephone number of the 11 successor landlord or the landlord's agent within 10 days 12 after the transfer.

13 (1) Within 14 days after the date of the transfer, the 14 successor landlord shall notify the tenant, in writing, that 15 the security deposit was transferred to the successor landlord 16 and that the successor landlord is holding the security 17 deposit. This written notice shall also contain the name, address, and business telephone number of 18 business the 19 successor landlord or the successor landlord's agent.

20 (m) If the landlord fails to comply with this Section, the 21 tenant has a right to seek damages as follows:

(1) If the landlord fails to comply with subsection
(a), (b), or (c), the tenant shall be awarded damages in an
amount equal to 2 times the security deposit and
reasonable attorney's fees. This Section does not preclude
the landlord or tenant from recovering other damages to

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which the landlord or tenant may be entitled under this Section.

3 (2) If the landlord fails to comply with one or more of administrative requirements under subsections 4 the (d) 5 through (1), the tenant may notify the landlord of the 6 landlord's failure to comply with this Section by written 7 notice. Within 2 business days after the receipt of the tenant's written notice, the landlord shall remedy and 8 9 provide the administrative requirements as described in 10 subsections (d) through (l). The written notices required 11 by this paragraph may be delivered electronically if the 12 parties have previously communicated electronically. The 13 written notice from the tenant to the landlord must 14 include that there has been a breach of the rental 15 agreement and that the landlord must remedy the breach 16 within 2 business days after the tenant delivered the 17 written notice or face damages. If the landlord fails to remedy within 2 business days, the tenant shall be awarded 18 19 damages in an amount equal to 2 times the security deposit 20 and reasonable attorney fees. This subsection does not 21 preclude the landlord or tenant from recovering other 22 damages to which the landlord or tenant may be entitled 23 under this Section.

24 Section 65. Retaliatory conduct.

25 (a) Except as provided for in this Section, a landlord may

not retaliate by increasing rent or decreasing services, by bringing or threatening to bring action for possession, or by refusing to renew a rental agreement because the tenant has in good faith done any of the following:

5 (1) complained of code violations to a governmental 6 agency, elected representative, or public official charged 7 with responsibility for enforcement of a building, 8 housing, health, or similar code;

9 (2) complained of a building, housing, health, or 10 similar code violation or an illegal landlord practice to 11 a community organization or the news media;

12 (3) sought the assistance of a community organization, 13 including a legal aid organization, or the news media to 14 remedy a code violation or illegal landlord practice;

15 (4) requested the landlord make repairs to the 16 premises as required by a building code, health ordinance, 17 other regulation, or the residential rental agreement;

18 (5) organized or became a member of a tenant union or 19 similar organization;

20 (6) testified in any court or administrative 21 proceeding concerning the condition of the premises; or

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(7) exercised any right or remedy provided by law.

(b) If the landlord violates this Section, the tenant has a cause of action against the landlord or a defense in any retaliatory action against the tenant and is entitled to the following remedies:

1 (1) If the landlord attempts to terminate the rental agreement, the tenant may retain possession by raising 2 3 this Section as a defense. If the tenant prevails on this defense, the tenant shall recover an amount equal to not 4 5 more than 2 months' rent or twice the damages sustained by 6 the tenant, whichever is greater, and reasonable 7 attorney's fees.

(2) The tenant may terminate the rental agreement and 8 9 vacate the property by giving the landlord written notice 10 of the tenant's intent to terminate the rental agreement. 11 If the tenant does not vacate the property within one 12 month after giving written notice, or the end of the next rental period, whichever is longer, then the tenant's 13 written notice shall be deemed withdrawn and the rental 14 agreement remains in full force and effect. If the rental 15 16 agreement is terminated, the landlord shall return the 17 security deposit within 3 days after the tenant tenders possession. 18

19 (3) If the tenant files a cause of action against the 20 landlord, the tenant shall recover an amount equal to not 21 more than 2 months' rent or twice the damages sustained by 22 the tenant, whichever is greater, and reasonable 23 attorney's fees.

(c) In an action by or against the tenant, if the tenant
 presents evidence of a complaint within one year prior to the
 alleged act of retaliation, the court shall presume that the

1 landlord's conduct is retaliatory. The landlord may rebut the 2 presumption of retaliation by proving a legitimate, 3 nonretaliatory basis for the conduct.

4 (d) The presumption shall not arise if the tenant made the5 complaint after written notice of a proposed rent increase.

6 (e) A landlord's behavior shall not be considered 7 retaliatory if any code violation was caused primarily by the 8 lack of care of the tenant, a member of the tenant's family, or 9 other person on the premises with the tenant's consent.

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## Section 70. Prohibition against lockouts.

11 (a) The landlord, or any person acting at the direction of 12 the landlord, may not oust or dispossess, or threaten or 13 attempt to oust or dispossess, any tenant from a dwelling unit without authority of law by plugging, changing, adding, or 14 15 removing any lock or latching device; by blocking any entrance 16 into the dwelling unit; by removing any door or window from the dwelling unit; by interfering with the services to the 17 dwelling unit, including, but not limited to, electricity, 18 gas, hot or cold water, plumbing, heat, telephone service, or 19 Internet; by removing a tenant's personal property from the 20 21 dwelling unit; by the removal or incapacitating of appliances 22 or fixtures, except for the purpose of making necessary repairs; by the use or threat of force, violence, or injury to 23 24 a tenant's person or property; or by any act rendering a 25 dwelling unit or any part of the dwelling unit inaccessible or

uninhabitable or any personal property located in the dwelling
 unit inaccessible. This subsection does not apply if:

3 (1) a landlord acts in compliance with the eviction
4 laws of Illinois pertaining to eviction and engages the
5 sheriff or other lawfully deputized officer to forcibly
6 evict a tenant or the tenant's personal property;

7 (2) a landlord interferes temporarily with possession
8 only as necessary to make needed repairs or inspection and
9 only as provided by law;

10 (3) the landlord acts in compliance with Part 3 of 11 Article IX of the Code of Civil Procedure for the removal 12 of personal property; or

13 (4) the tenant has abandoned the dwelling unit under14 paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 50.

(b) If a tenant, in a civil proceeding against the landlord, establishes that the landlord has violated Section 70, the tenant may recover possession of the dwelling unit and personal property. In addition, the tenant shall recover an amount equal to not more than 2 months' rent or twice the actual damages sustained by the tenant, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees.

22 Section 75. Summary attachment to rental agreement.

(a) The Attorney General shall create a summary of this
 Act that describes the respective rights, obligations, and
 remedies of landlords and tenants under this Act, and the

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1 Attorney General shall make the summary available for public 2 inspection and copying. A copy of the summary shall be made 3 available in multiple languages on the Office of the Attorney General's website. A copy of the summary shall be attached to 4 5 each written rental agreement when the agreement is initially offered to any tenant or prospective tenant by or on behalf of 6 7 a landlord and whether the agreement is for rental or renewal 8 of the agreement.

9 (b) If the landlord acts in violation of this Section, the 10 tenant may terminate the rental agreement by written notice 11 under subsection (i) of Section 55.

12 Section 80. Conflict with the Mobile Home Landlord and 13 Tenant Rights Act. Where a dwelling unit is also governed by 14 the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act, this Act shall augment and not replace the rights of both landlords and 15 16 tenants under that Act. Where there is a direct conflict between the provisions of this Act and that Act, this Act shall 17 18 take precedence except for the following Sections of that Act, which shall remain as the governing provisions: Section 6, 19 Section 8, and Section 9.5. 20

Section 85. Prohibition of waiver. The provisions of this Act may not be waived, and any term of any rental agreement, contract, or other agreement that purports to waive or limit a tenant's substantive or procedural rights under this Act is

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2 Section 90. Cumulative rights, obligations, and remedies. 3 The rights, obligations, and remedies set forth in this Act 4 shall be cumulative and in addition to any others available at 5 law or in equity.

6 Section 900. The Rent Control Preemption Act is amended by 7 changing Sections 5, 6, and 10 as follows:

8 (50 ILCS 825/5)

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9 Sec. 5. Rent control prohibited; exceptions.

10 (a) A unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of 11 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, shall not enact, 12 maintain, or enforce an ordinance or resolution that would 13 have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for 14 leasing private residential or commercial property.

(b) This Act does not impair the right of a unit of local government to manage and control residential property in which the unit of local government has a property interest.

18 (c) The prohibition in subsection (a) does not apply if 19 voters of a unit of local government have approved a 20 referendum under Section 6.

21 (Source: P.A. 90-313, eff. 8-1-97.)

22 (50 ILCS 825/6 new)

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(a) Legal voters of a unit of local government may, by 2 3 petition, propose a referendum to determine whether the unit of local government shall no longer be prohibited from 4 5 enacting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent 6 7 charged for leasing private residential or commercial 8 property. The petition shall, at least 104 days before an 9 election, be filed in the office of the clerk of the unit of 10 local government and contain signatures of not less than 8% of 11 the total votes cast for candidates for Governor in the 12 preceding gubernatorial election by the registered voters of the unit of local government. The referendum shall 13 14 substantially be in the following form: "Shall (unit of local government) be permitted to enact, maintain, or enforce an 15 16 ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of 17 controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property?". The referendum shall be 18 19 submitted to the voters of the unit of local government at the 20 next election at which the referendum may be voted upon.

(b) Legal voters of a district, precinct, ward, or other similar subdivision of a unit of local government may, by petition, propose a referendum to determine whether the unit of local government shall no longer be prohibited from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent

1	charged for leasing private residential or commercial property
2	within that district, precinct, ward, or similar subdivision.
3	The petition shall, at least 104 days before an election, be
4	filed in the office of the clerk of the unit of local
5	government and contain the signatures of not less than 16% of
6	the legal voters registered with the board of election
7	commissioners or county clerk, as the case may be, from the
8	district, precinct, ward, or similar subdivision. The
9	referendum shall substantially be in the following form:
10	"Shall (unit of local government) be permitted to enact,
11	maintain, or enforce an ordinance or resolution that would
12	have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for
13	leasing private residential or commercial property within
14	(district, precinct, ward, or other similar subdivision)?".
15	The referendum shall be submitted to the voters of the
16	district, precinct, ward, or other similar subdivision of the
17	unit of local government at the next election at which the
18	referendum may be voted upon.
19	(c) The referendum shall be submitted to the voters under
20	subsection (a) or (b) when the petition has been filed in

20 <u>subsection (a) or (b) when the petition has been filed in</u> 21 <u>proper form with the clerk. If more than one set of petitions</u> 22 <u>are presented to the clerk for submission at the same</u> 23 <u>election, the petition presented first shall be given</u> 24 <u>preference; however, the clerk shall provisionally accept any</u> 25 <u>other set of petitions set forth the same (or substantially</u> 26 <u>the same) referendum. If the first set of petitions for a</u>

1	referendum is found to be in proper form and is not found to be
2	invalid, it shall be accepted by the clerk and all
3	provisionally accepted sets of petitions setting for the same
4	(or substantially the same) referendum shall be rejected by
5	the clerk. If the first set of petitions for a referendum is
6	found not to be in proper form or is found to be invalid, the
7	clerk shall (i) reject the first set of petitions, (ii) accept
8	the first provisionally accepted set of petitions that is in
9	proper form and is not found to be invalid, and (iii) reject
10	all other provisionally accepted sets of petitions setting
11	forth the same (or substantially the same) referendum. Notice
12	of the filing of the petition and the result of the election
13	shall be given to the Secretary of State. A return of the
14	result of the election shall be made to the clerk of the unit
15	of local government. If a majority of voters voting upon the
16	referendum vote "YES", the unit of local government shall be
17	exempt from subsection (a) of Section 5 either for the entire
18	unit or for the district, precinct, ward, or similar
19	subdivision stated in the referendum.
20	(d) If a unit of local government chooses to adopt an
21	ordinance or resolution, or enforce an existing ordinance,

21 <u>ordinance or resolution, or enforce an existing ordinance,</u> 22 <u>under this Section that would have the effect of controlling</u> 23 <u>the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or</u> 24 <u>commercial property, it may also take measures to address the</u> 25 <u>economic impact of the ordinance or resolution upon</u> 26 <u>owner-occupied residential properties of 6 or fewer units.</u>

1	(50 ILCS 825/10)
2	Sec. 10. Home rule preemption.
3	(a) A home rule unit may not regulate the rental of
4	residential dwelling units in a manner that is inconsistent
5	with, diminishes, or undermines the protections of this Act.
6	This subsection is a limitation of home rule powers and
7	functions under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of
8	the Illinois Constitution. A home rule unit may not regulate
9	or control the amount of rent charged for leasing private
10	residential or commercial property. This Section is a denial
11	and limitation of home rule powers and functions under
12	subsection (g) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
13	Constitution.
14	(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a home rule unit may
15	augment the protections of this Act or establish additional
16	rights, obligations, or remedies through its concurrent
17	exercise of home rule power.
18	(Source: P.A. 90-313, eff. 8-1-97.)
19	(765 ILCS 720/Act rep.)
20	Section 905. The Retaliatory Eviction Act is repealed.
21	Section 910. The Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights

22 Act is amended by changing Section 18 as follows:

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1	(765 ILCS 745/18) (from Ch. 80, par. 218)
2	Sec. 18. Security deposit; Interest. Security deposits and
3	interest under this Act are governed by Section 60 of the Let
4	the People Lift the Ban Act.
5	(a) If the lease requires the tenant to provide any
6	deposit with the park owner for the term of the lease, or any
7	part thereof, said deposit shall be considered a Security
8	Deposit. Security Deposits shall be returned in full to the
9	tenant, provided that the tenant has paid all rent due in full
10	for the term of the lease and has caused no actual damage to
11	the premises.
12	The park owner shall furnish the tenant, within 15 days
13	after termination or expiration of the lease, an itemized list
14	of the damages incurred upon the premises and the estimated
15	cost for the repair of each item. The tenant's failure to

16 object to the itemized list within 15 days shall constitute an 17 agreement upon the amount of damages specified therein. The 18 park owner's failure to furnish such itemized list of damages 19 shall constitute an agreement that no damages have been 20 incurred upon the premises and the entire security deposit 21 shall become immediately due and owing to the tenant.

22 The tenant's failure to furnish the park owner a 23 forwarding address shall excuse the park owner from furnishing 24 the list required by this Section.

25 (b) A park owner of any park regularly containing 25 or
 26 more mobile homes shall pay interest to the tenant, on any

deposit held by the park owner, computed from the date of the 1 2 deposit at a rate equal to the interest paid by the largest commercial bank, as measured by total assets, having its main 3 banking premises in this State on minimum deposit passbook 4 5 savings accounts as of December 31 of the preceding year on any such deposit held by the park owner for more than 6 months. 6 However, in the event that any portion of the amount deposited 7 is utilized during the period for which it is deposited in 8 9 order to compensate the owner for non payment of rent or to 10 make a good faith reimbursement to the owner for damage caused 11 by the tenant, the principal on which the interest accrues may 12 be recomputed to reflect the reduction for the period commencing on the first day of the calendar month following 13 the reduction. 14

15 The park owner shall, within 30 days after the end of each 16 12 month period, pay to the tenant any interest owed under 17 this Section in cash, provided, however, that the amount owed 18 may be applied to rent due if the owner and tenant agree 19 thereto.

A park owner who willfully fails or refuses to pay the interest required by this Act shall, upon a finding by a circuit court that he willfully failed or refused to pay, be liable for an amount equal to the amount of the security deposit, together with court costs and a reasonable attorney's <u>fee.</u>

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(c) A park owner, as landlord, shall hold in trust all

security deposits received from a tenant in one or more banks, 1 2 savings banks, or credit unions, the accounts of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the 3 National Credit Union Administration Share Insurance Fund, or 4 5 other applicable entity under law. A security deposit and the interest due under subsection (b) of this Section is the 6 7 property of the tenant until the deposit is returned to the tenant or used to compensate, or applied to the tenant's 8 9 obligations to, the park owner, as landlord, in accordance 10 with the lease or applicable State and local law. The security 11 deposit shall not be commingled with the assets of the park 12 owner, and shall not be subject to the claims of any creditor of the park owner or any party claiming an interest 13 in the deposit through the park owner, including a foreclosing 14 mortgagee or trustee in bankruptey; provided that this 15 16 subsection does not prevent a foreclosing mortgagee, receiver, 17 or trustee from taking over control of the applicable bank account holding the security deposits, which may include 18 19 moving the security deposits to another bank account meeting 20 the requirements of this Section, provided that the mortgagee, 21 receiver, or trustee: 22

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(1) shall continue to hold the security deposits in trust as provided in, and subject to, the provisions of this Section; and

25 (2) is entitled to use a security deposit to
 26 compensate, and apply a security deposit to discharge the

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