

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 44-2023

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Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment amends language related to other charges and fees; creates a frequency limit to rent increases; sets a limit on the rent increase for vacant units; adds an annual reporting requirement; and removes the abrogation of section 17.1018.)

1 On the title page, in the purpose paragraph:

- 2 • On line 5, after “displayed;”, insert: “creating certain reporting requirements;”; and
- 3 • Starting on line 6, strike: “providing for the abrogation of certain provisions of this Act;”.

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5 On page 3, line 32, strike “FEES OR charges” and substitute: “CHARGES OR FEES”.

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7 On page 5, after line 27, insert:

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9 “(4) FREQUENCY. A LANDLORD IS ONLY PERMITTED TO INCREASE RENT PURSUANT TO THIS
10 SECTION ONCE WITHIN A 12-MONTH PERIOD.

11 (5) VACANT UNITS. IF A UNIT THAT HAD BEEN VACANT FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS RETURNS TO
12 THE MARKET FOR RENT, THE NEW RENTAL AMOUNT MAY INCLUDE THE ALLOWABLE RENT
13 INCREASES FOR EACH YEAR THE UNIT WAS VACANT, NOT TO EXCEED A 30% INCREASE OF THE
14 BASE RENT AMOUNT PAID BY THE MOST RECENT TENANT.”

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16 On page 7, after line 28, insert:

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18 “(G) ANNUAL REPORTING.

19 (1) BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH LANDLORD SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT A RENT REPORT FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST AND
21 ENDING ON THE PRECEDING DECEMBER 31ST ON A FORM PROVIDED BY AND IN THE
22 MANNER PRESCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

1 (2) VIOLATION OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS A OFFENSE, UNLESS AN
2 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR GOOD CAUSE IS GRANTED TO A LANDLORD BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT.”
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5 On page 8, strike lines 15 through 17 in their entirety.

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7 On page 8, line 19, strike “4” and substitute “3”.