## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1182 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, MARCH 23, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 23, 2011

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1176, No.261),
- entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the rights and
- duties of manufactured home owners or operators and
- 4 manufactured home lessees," further providing for disclosure
- of fees.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 6(e) of the act of November 24, 1976
- 9 (P.L.1176, No.261), known as the Manufactured Home Community
- 10 Rights Act, amended October 19, 2010 (P.L.546, No.80), is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 Section 6. Disclosure of Fees. --\* \* \*
- 13 (e) All new leases, lease extensions and lease renewals[,
- 14 which are for more than a 60-day period,] shall contain the
- 15 following full disclosures:
- 16 (1) The manner in which utility and other services,
- 17 including, but not limited to, sewage and waste disposal, cable
- 18 television, water supply and storm drainage, will be provided,
- 19 and the entity providing them. The services and the lot rental
- 20 amount or user fees charged by the manufactured home community

- 1 owner for the services provided by the manufactured home
- 2 community owner shall also be disclosed.
- 3 (2) An explanation of the manner in which the manufactured
- 4 home space rental amount will be increased, including, but not
- 5 limited to, notification to the manufactured home lessee at
- 6 least 60 days in advance of the increase.
- 7 (3) Disclosure of any factors that may affect the lot rental
- 8 amount, including, but not limited to these factors:
- 9 (i) Water rates.
- 10 (ii) Sewer rates.
- 11 (iii) Waste disposal rates.
- 12 (iv) Maintenance costs, including costs of deferred
- 13 maintenance.
- 14 (v) Management costs.
- 15 (vi) Property taxes.
- 16 (vii) Major repairs or improvements.
- 17 (viii) Any other fees, costs, assessments or service charges
- 18 that the manufactured home lessee is required to pay or that the
- 19 manufactured home owner or operator intends to charge during the
- 20 terms of the lease or rental agreement.
- 21 (4) Disclosure of the manner in which the pass-through
- 22 charges will be assessed.
- 23 (5) A report of the utility fees charged for the
- 24 manufactured home space paid to the community owner by a prior
- 25 lessee during the previous 12 months.
- 26 (6) Disclosure of all service charges currently charged for
- 27 services offered which the manufactured home lessee may elect to
- 28 incur and the manner in which the fees will be increased.
- 29 (7) Any manufactured home community rules and regulations
- 30 that have been established and an explanation of the manner in

- 1 which the rules and regulations will be set, changed or
- 2 promulgated.
- 3 (8) The rent history of the manufactured home space for the
- 4 three full calendar years immediately preceding the prospective
- 5 initial rental agreement date. This information shall be for
- 6 basic manufactured home space rental only and does not apply to
- 7 other fees such as late charges and guest fees. Additionally,
- 8 the calculation of rent history shall be posted in the public
- 9 portion of the manufactured home community's rental office or
- 10 other conspicuous and readily accessible place and in the same
- 11 place as any rules and regulations that have been established
- 12 for the manufactured home community are posted.
- 13 (9) Citations or other documents from Federal, State or
- 14 local governmental agencies which require the manufactured home
- 15 community owner to take corrective action, including citations
- 16 from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding water
- 17 and sewage. Such information shall also be posted within the
- 18 community in the same place as manufactured home community rules
- 19 and regulations are displayed until the corrective action has
- 20 been completed.
- 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.