
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MARCH 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), entitled "An
2 act relating to the rights, obligations and liabilities of
3 landlord and tenant and of parties dealing with them and
4 amending, revising, changing and consolidating the law
5 relating thereto," providing for tenants' right to
6 disclosure.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known
10 as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, is amended by adding an
11 article to read:

12 ARTICLE V-C

13 TENANTS' RIGHT TO DISCLOSURE

14 Section 501-C. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this article
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Fixed-term tenancy." A tenancy that has a fixed term of
19 existence, continuing to a specific ending date and terminating
20 on that date without requiring further notice to effect the

1 termination.

2 "Landlord." An individual or entity owning, controlling,
3 leasing, operating or managing premises used as a dwelling unit.

4 "Month-to-month tenancy." A tenancy that automatically
5 renews and continues for successive monthly periods on the same
6 terms and conditions originally agreed to, or as revised by the
7 parties, until terminated by one or both of the parties.

8 "Tenant." A person entitled under a rental agreement to
9 occupy a dwelling unit to the exclusion of others, including a
10 dwelling unit owned, operated or controlled by a public housing
11 authority.

12 "Week-to-week tenancy." An occupancy that is charged on a
13 weekly basis and is payable no less frequently than every seven
14 days, where there is a written rental agreement that defines the
15 landlord's and tenant's rights and responsibilities.

16 Section 502-C. Notice of Foreclosure.

17 (a) General rule.--A landlord shall disclose to all tenants
18 a certified copy of a foreclosure notice required under section
19 403-C of the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known
20 as the Housing Finance Agency Law, on the premises used as a
21 dwelling unit.

22 (b) Fixed-term tenancy.--Notice under subsection (a) shall
23 be provided by the landlord or recipient of a notice of
24 foreclosure to a tenant of a fixed-term tenancy at least 60 days
25 prior to the termination specified in the notice of foreclosure.

26 (c) Month-to-month and week-to-week tenancies.--Notice under
27 subsection (a) shall be provided by the landlord or recipient of
28 a notice of foreclosure to a tenant of a month-to-month tenancy
29 or a week-to-week tenancy at least 30 days before the
30 termination specified in the notice of foreclosure.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.