

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1714

Sponsor: SENATOR BLAKE

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1 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 10 and 11

2 (g) In the event that the landlord wrongfully takes or
3 exercises control over personal property in violation of this
4 section, the tenant may have the right to bring an emergency
5 action against the landlord in a court of competent jurisdiction
6 over the rental unit. The following shall apply:

7 (1) If a complaint is filed initiating an action under this
8 subsection, the court shall set the matter for a hearing which
9 shall be held on an expedited basis and within five days
10 following the filing of the complaint.

11 (2) The tenant shall have the right to punitive damages,
12 treble damages, and may be reimbursed for any fees or costs
13 incurred by the tenant as a result of the landlord's actions.

14 (3) In the event the landlord wrongfully takes or exercises
15 control over personal property in violation of this section and
16 the tenant is removed from the premises in violation of this
17 act, the tenant shall have the right to additional damages
18 including a penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) per day
19 for failure of the landlord to restore possession of the
20 personal property to the premises.

21 Amend Bill, page 7, line 11, by striking out "(g)" and
22 inserting

23 (h)

24 Amend Bill, page 7, line 11, by striking out "(h)" and
25 inserting

26 (i)

27 Amend Bill, page 7, line 15, by striking out "(h)" and
28 inserting

29 (i)