



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 221

EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, House Bill H-6087 and Senate Bill S-0311 would prohibit the requirement that a fee be paid for a rental application for real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill H-6087 and Senate Bill S-0311, An Act Relating to Property - Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 04 2023

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

A N A C T

RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Cruz, Shekarchi, Kazarian, Speakman, Potter, Stewart,
Casimiro, Slater, Blazejewski, and Abney

Date Introduced: March 03, 2023

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1
- SECTION 1. Chapter 34-18 of the General Laws entitled "Residential Landlord and Tenant
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- Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
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- 34-18-58. Fair limitation on rental application fees -- Effective January 1, 2024.**
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- A landlord, lessor, sub-lessor, real estate broker, property management company, or
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- designee shall not be allowed to require or demand any prospective tenant to pay for a rental
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- application fee.
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- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
A N A C T
RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

- 1 This act would prohibit the requirement that a fee be paid for a rental application for real
- 2 property.
- 3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2024.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

A N A C T

RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Introduced By: Senators Murray, Mack, Miller, Euer, Sosnowski, Quezada, Acosta,
DiMario, Kallman, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34-18 of the General Laws entitled "Residential Landlord and Tenant
2 Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **34-18-58. Prohibition of rental application fees.**
- 4 (a) A landlord, lessor, sub-lessor, real estate broker, property management company, or
5 designee shall not require or demand any prospective tenant or tenant to pay a rental application
6 fee, or collect any rental application fee from a prospective tenant or tenant.
- 7 (b) For the purposes of this section, "rental application fee" means any monetary fee that
8 is collected during the rental application rental process for a residential unit, including, but not
9 limited to, a fee for a credit check, background check, screening, or administrative services.
- 10 (c) Any violation of this section shall be deemed a deceptive trade practice pursuant to §
11 6-13.1-2 and shall be punishable pursuant to the provisions set forth in § 6-13.1-14.
- 12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

1 This act would prohibit a landlord, lessor, sub-lessor, real estate broker, property
2 management company, or designee to require or receive a fee for a rental application from a
3 prospective tenant or tenant. Violations would be unfair business practices punishable as a
4 misdemeanor with a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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