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As Introduced

Subject Repairs for residential rental units

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Overview

Amends the statutes allowing tenants to request assistance for emergency repairs.

Summary

Section Description

1 Requirements.

Requires a landlord to provide heat in a residential tenancy at a minimum temperature of 68 degrees from October 1 to April 30.

2 Unlawful exclusion or removal.

Allows unlawful exclusion cases, when a tenant has been locked out, to be brought for the same filing fee as conciliation court.

3 Petition.

Specifies the type of incidents that allow a tenant to petition for emergency repair in a residential rental unit.

4 Relief; service of order.

Allows the tenant to petition for emergency relief to fix an emergency repair and allows the court to order that a landlord immediately remedy the violation. Requires the court to provide notice of a hearing on the ex parte petition and order as soon as practicable.

5 Filing fee.

Allows the court to charge the conciliation court filing fee for emergency repair petitions.



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