

HB0545/950013/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 545

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Prohibition” in line 2 down through “Utility” in line 3; and strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 4 down through “fees” in line 9 and substitute “requiring a landlord to disclose to a prospective tenant the method used to charge tenants for the cost of certain utilities under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with information to document a bill for certain utilities under certain circumstances; authorizing a landlord to recover payment of an arrearage due for certain utilities as rent”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “(1)” in line 16 down through “(2)” in line 20; and in lines 22 and 24, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 2 through line 16 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) BEFORE A PROSPECTIVE TENANT SIGNS A LEASE, THE LANDLORD SHALL DISCLOSE TO THE PROSPECTIVE TENANT THE METHOD USED TO CHARGE TENANTS FOR THE COST OF UTILITIES.

“(D) IF A LANDLORD USES A RATIO UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM, THE LANDLORD, ON WRITTEN REQUEST, SHALL PROVIDE A TENANT WITH INFORMATION TO DOCUMENT A BILL FOR UTILITIES.

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(E) A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER PAYMENT OF AN ARREARAGE DUE FOR UTILITIES AS RENT.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, before line 17, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any lease entered into before the effective date of this Act.”;

in line 17, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in the same line, strike “July” and substitute “October”.