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House Bill 971 (Delegate Kach)

Economic Matters

Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Back Rent

This bill provides that in a lawsuit filed by a landlord to recover back rent, the landlord may not demand or recover more than three years back rent.

The bill applies to all residential leases or subleases in effect on or after October 1, 1999 which have an initial term of 99 years and which create a leasehold estate, or subleasehold estate, subject to the payment of an annual ground rent.

The bill applies prospectively only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on certain landlords and tenants that are small businesses. The bill would apply in a limited number of circumstances and essentially clarifies current law.

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