
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY RABB, CEPHAS, WEBSTER, BRIGGS, MURT, GALLOWAY,
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AND MADDEN, AUGUST 31, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AUGUST 31, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 disaster emergency,
3 providing for student tenant relief.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Chapter 57 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER F

9 STUDENT TENANT RELIEF

10 Sec.

11 5751. Student tenant lease agreement termination.

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13 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law to the contrary, during the COVID-19 disaster emergency a
15 student tenant who is renting housing for purposes of attending
16 a school may terminate the lease agreement with no penalty or
17 repayment requirements if the student tenant provides evidence

1 of one the following to the landlord:

2 (1) Proof that the student tenant has had an
3 interruption in their lease due to a school closing or a
4 school not opening.

5 (2) A letter from a physician or school medical staff
6 that states it is unsafe for the student tenant to return to
7 school or a rental property due to a medical condition that
8 places the student tenant at an increased risk for COVID-19.

9 (b) Definitions.---As used in this section, the following
10 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "School." A college, university, community college or other
13 institution of higher learning located in this Commonwealth.

14 "Student tenant." A student enrolled at a school.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.