



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 194

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 190

Senate, April 2, 2012

The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. GOMES of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS REGARDING BED BUG INFESTATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the ways in which bed bug infestations are controlled in
3 multifamily housing and to recommend legislation that will assist
4 landlords and tenants to better control and prevent such infestations.
5 The task force shall consider, without limitation, how to apportion
6 liability between landlords and tenants for the cost of treating a bed
7 bug infestation.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to housing, or their designees, who may be members of the
12 General Assembly;

13 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
14 who shall represent advocates for residential tenants, one of whom
15 shall represent advocates for low-income tenants;

16 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
17 shall represent residential landlords;

18 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives who shall be an individual who is certified by the
20 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to perform
21 applications of pesticides;

22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall
23 represent advocates for elderly persons or persons with disabilities;

24 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
25 designee; and

26 (7) The Chief State's Attorney, or his or her designee.

27 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
28 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
29 filled by the appointing authority.

30 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
32 as chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the
33 first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
34 days after the effective date of this section.

35 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
37 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

38 (f) Not later than December 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
39 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
41 relating to housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

42 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
43 submits such report or December 1, 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various State Agencies; Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact since the task force terminates in FY 14.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

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