



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 906

LCO No. 3073



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "landlord", "tenant", "dwelling unit", "rent" and "rental agreement" have
3 the same meanings as provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes
4 and "family violence" has the same meaning as provided in section 46b-
5 38a of the general statutes.

6 (b) No landlord shall (1) maintain an action or proceeding against a
7 tenant to recover possession of a dwelling unit under chapter 832 of the
8 general statutes, (2) demand an increase in rent from a tenant, (3) refuse
9 to renew a rental agreement with a tenant, (4) decrease any services from
10 the landlord regarding the dwelling unit to which a tenant is entitled, or
11 (5) otherwise discriminate against a tenant, solely because such tenant
12 is, or has been, a victim of family violence. In addition to the provisions
13 of this subsection, no landlord shall deem that a tenant has violated the
14 rental agreement if such violation is a result of family violence
15 committed against the tenant.

16 (c) For purposes of this section, a tenant's status as a victim of family
17 violence may be shown by (1) medical, court or police records
18 documenting such violence, (2) a statement from a domestic violence
19 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes,
20 documenting such violence, or (3) a statement from a licensed medical
21 professional from whom the tenant has sought services documenting
22 such violence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit a landlord from taking certain adverse actions against a tenant based on such tenant's family violence victim status.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]