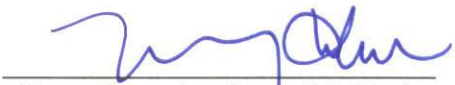


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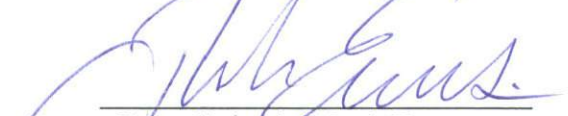

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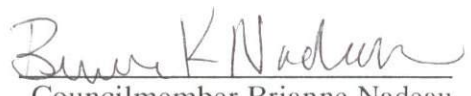

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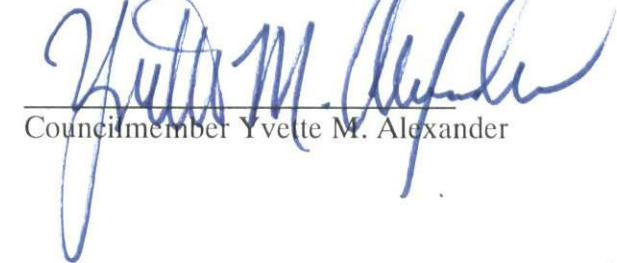

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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985, to require the establishment of an online database and portal for the filing of the forms required of providers of housing accommodations subject to the Act, a portal for a searchable, real-time, online database with a user-friendly interface that provides information relevant to tenants seeking and living in rent control accommodations, and to provide a source of data for policy making regarding improvements to the District's rent control regime.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Rent Control Housing Clearinghouse Amendment Act of 2015".

44 Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C.
45 Official Code § 42-3501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

46 (a) Section 204 (D.C. Official Code§ 42-3502.04) is amended by adding a new
47 subsection (m) to read as follows:

48 “(m) The Rental Accommodations Division (“RAD”) of the Department of Housing and
49 Community Development and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, in close collaboration
50 with the Office of the Tenant Advocate, shall establish a user-friendly, internet-accessible
51 database for the submission and management of all forms and documents that the Rental
52 Housing Act of 1985 requires housing providers to provide to RAD. The database portal shall
53 also be accessible to the general public via the internet, and shall be designed with a user-
54 friendly, interactive, searchable interface that provides information relevant to tenants seeking
55 and living in rent control accommodations. The database portal accessible to the general public
56 shall:

57 “(1) Include at a minimum, the following real-time, searchable parameters for all
58 rental housing accommodations subject to the Rental Housing Act of 1985:

59 “(A) Building address and ward number;

60 “(B) Name, telephone number, and email address of the owner and
61 property manager;

62 “(C) The owner’s Basic Business License number;

63 “(D) The building’s RAD registration exemption number;

64 “(E) The building’s Certificate of Occupancy date and number;

65 “(F) The building’s accessibility information;

66 “(G) The building’s elderly and disability exemption registration;
67 “(H) Pro-active inspection dates;
68 “(I) Building unit numbers and the number of bedrooms in each unit;
69 “(J) Each unit’s rent level and vacancy status;
70 “(K) The amount and date of annual rent increase or decrease;
71 “(L) Related Services and/or Facilities Petition, Capital Improvement
72 Petition, Substantial Rehabilitation Petition, Voluntary Agreement Petition, Hardship Petition,
73 other valid Tenant Petitions, and other court or administrative actions;
74 “(L) The notice date of any housing code violations; and
75 “(M) Other information relevant to tenants seeking and living in rent
76 control accommodations.

77 “(2) Include all parameters in paragraph (1) of this subsection for the 6 years
78 preceding the effective date of the Rent Control Housing Clearinghouse Amendment Act of
79 2015, based upon data found in forms previously submitted to RAD.

80 “(3) Be available within one year of the effective date of the Rent Control
81 Housing Clearinghouse Amendment Act of 2015, for the submission by housing providers to the
82 RAD of all documents required by this subsection, and to the general public to conduct searches
83 of the information in the database. Six months after the effective date of the Rent Control
84 Housing Clearinghouse Amendment Act of 2015, RAD shall report on the progress of the
85 establishment of the database and the ongoing development costs of the database. Once the
86 database is operational, required documents shall be submitted to the RAD solely through the
87 online database.

88 “(4) Not include personal information of tenants.”.

89 (b) Subsection (g)(2) of section 205 (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.05(g)(2)) is repealed.

90 Sec. 3. Inclusion in the budget and financial plan.

91 This act shall take effect subject to the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget
92 and financial plan.

93 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

94 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
95 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
96 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

97 Sec. 5. Effective date.

98 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
99 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
100 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
101 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
102 Columbia Register.