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SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 554

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled
"An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties,"
(MCL 554.601 to 554.616) by adding section 1d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1d. (1) A tenant in a metered or sub-metered rental unit**
2 **may request that a provider send a copy of the water and sewer bill**
3 **to both the landlord and the tenant.**

4 **(2) A landlord shall not interfere with, or discriminate or**
5 **retaliate against, a tenant that makes a request under subsection**



1 (1). For purposes of this subsection, interference with, or
 2 discrimination or retaliation against, a tenant includes, but is
 3 not limited to, shutting off the tenant's access to water in the
 4 tenant's rental unit, refusing to renew the tenant's lease, or
 5 unlawfully evicting the tenant because the tenant made a request
 6 under subsection (1) or increasing the tenant's rental payment
 7 solely because the tenant exercised the tenant's rights under this
 8 section.

9 (3) A rental agreement entered into, renewed, or renegotiated
 10 after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this
 11 section must contain the requirements of this section.

12 (4) If this section conflicts with a federal law regulating
 13 subsidized housing, the federal law prevails.

14 (5) This section applies only to a lease, including a lease
 15 renewed each month as an estate at will in accordance with section
 16 34 of 1846 RS 66, MCL 554.134, entered into, renewed, or
 17 renegotiated after the effective date of the amendatory act that
 18 added this section, in accordance with the constitutional
 19 prohibition against impairments of contract as provided by section
 20 10 of article I of the state constitution of 1963.

21 (6) As used in this section, "provider" means that term as
 22 defined under section 1 of 1939 PA 178, MCL 123.161.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 24 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
 25 04882'23) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.

