## <u>DC COUNCIL PERIOD 19</u> TENANT AND RENTAL HOUSING-RELATED LEGISLATION

Below is a tracking chart for tenant and rental-housing related legislation introduced during the current 2–year session of the D.C. Council. Council Period 19 began on January 1, 2011, and will end on December 31, 2013. Please also refer to "Legislation and Rulemaking" links on the OTA website to:

- 1. "How a bill becomes a law";
- 2. "Committee organization for Council Session 19"; and
- 3. "Council Session 19 weblinks to rental housing legislation" (for the full version of any bill).

You may also review any of these bills in its entirety on the D.C. Council website at <a href="http://dccouncil.us/">http://dccouncil.us/</a>.

## D.C. Council Committees/Chairs/members

PSCA = Public Service and Consumer Affairs: Alexander/Bowser, Cheh, Graham, Mendelson

EDH = Economic Development and Housing: M Brown, Alexander, Barry, Evans, McDuffie

**GO** = Government Operations: **Bowser**/M Brown, Catania, Orange, Cheh

J = Judiciary: Mendelson/Barry, Bowser, Cheh, Evans

COW = Committee of the Whole (Education, Economic Development): K Brown/all other CMs

ACA = Aging and Community Affairs: Barry/Alexander, Graham, Orange, Wells

FR = Finance and Revenue: Evans/Barry, Bowser, M Brown, Catania

**H** = Health: **Catania**/ Alexander, Barry, Cheh, Wells

**HS** = Human Services: **Graham**/Alexander, Barry, M Brown, Wells

LPR = Libraries, Parks, Recreation and Planning: Wells/Catania, Mendelson, Orange, McDuffie

EPWT = Environment, Public Works and Transportation: Cheh/Alexander, Bowser, Graham, Wells

SLBD = Small and Local Business Development - Orange/Alexander, M Brown, Graham, McDuffie

Special Committee on the Investigation of Executive Personnel Practices - Cheh/M Brown, Catania, Wells

Special Committee on Investigation of Capital Projects of the Department of Parks and Recreation: --/ Bowser, M Brown, Cheh

Subcommittee on Redistricting: M Brown, Evans, Mendelson

This list is periodically updated to show new introductions of interest to the tenant community, and the progress of these bills through the legislative process. If you have any questions or concerns about any rental housing legislation or rulemaking, please contact the OTA's Legislative Director Joel Cohn at (202) 719-6568 or at joel.cohn@dc.gov.

## B19-0046

INTRODUCED: 1/18/2011

"INCREASE IN HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2011"

To establish more stringent affordability requirements for all local and federal funds utilized for the development of affordable housing in the District of Columbia; to require that at least ten percent of total funds utilized for the development of affordable housing goes towards affordable homeownership.

INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, BARRY, **GRAHAM** COSPONSOR(S): ALEXANDER, MENDELSON, THOMAS, BROWN **REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN) HEARING:** 1ST READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0057 To amend, on an emergency basis, due to Congressional review, An INTRODUCED: 1/28/2011 Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to require mortgage lenders to provide homeowners with a notice of default on "SAVING D.C. HOMES FROM FORECLOSURE residential mortgages and to provide homeowners with the right to CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY engage in mediation prior to foreclosure on residential mortgages. AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011" INTRODUCED BY: COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL **HEARING:** APPROVED: 02/01/11 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 02/11/11 Act: A19-0008 Expires: 05/12/2011 B19-0076 To amend the Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Act of 2006 to INTRODUCED: 02/1/2011 provide access to inclusionary housing to victims of domestic violence, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the chronically homeless, the "INCLUSIONARY ZONING AMENDMENT ACT developmentally disabled, and persons with mental illness who meet 2011" income requirements. INTRODUCED BY: CATANIA COSPONSOR(S): WELLS, GRAHAM REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN) **HEARING: 11/17/11** 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0087 To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to require that INTRODUCED: 02/01/2011 the Interagency Council on Homelessness ("ICH") include representation from youth and family homeless service providers: to "HOMELESS SERVICES REFORM require that the ICH develop a 5-year and annual plan that will AMENDMENT ACT 2011". include specific sections addressing youth homelessness, family

homelessness, an identification of trends in federal funding, a INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, GRAHAM delineation of roles as it relates to homeless populations from the nonprofit and government sectors, a strategy to collaborate with COSPONSOR(S): BARRY, CHEH, BIDDLE. neighboring jurisdictions, and mandate that the plans be submitted as ALEXANDER, BROWN, BOWSER, a part of the annual budget submission. MENDELSON, WELLS, THOMAS **REFERRED TO: HS (GRAHAM) HEARING: 06/16/11** 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0088 Currently no online documents. INTRODUCED: 02/01/2011 "WASHINGTON OVERLOOK AT FORT LINCOLN LOW-INCOME RENTAL EXTENSION TAX RELIEF ACT 2011" **INTRODUCED BY: THOMAS** COSPONSOR(S): BOWSER, BARRY, BROWN **REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS) HEARING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0121 To amend the Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia to INTRODUCED: 02/22/2011 clarify that the Office of Administrative Hearings may adjudicate complaints for the non-return of tenant security deposits as well as "TENANT SECURITY DEPOSITS the nonpayment of interest on tenant security deposits; and to clarify that any housing provider who in bad faith fails to return a security CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011" deposit rightfully owed to a tenant, or fails to pay the interest on the INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN security deposit, is liable to the tenant for treble damages. COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN) **HEARING:** FINAL VOTE/READING: WITHDRAWN BY CM M. BROWN ON MARCH 24, 2011 To amend, on an emergency basis, due to Congressional review. the B19-0129 INTRODUCED: 02/28/2011 Rental Housing Act of 1985 to extend the sunset provision to December 31, 2020. "RENTAL HOUSING ACT EXTENSION CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011" **INTRODUCED BY:** 

**INTRODUCED: 03/25/11** 

"TENANT SECURITY DEPOSITS

COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL **HEARING:** APPROVED: 03/01/11 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 03/15/11 Act: A19-0031 Expires: 06/13/11 B19-0134 INTRODUCED: 03/01/2011 To amend An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for "NUISANCE ABATEMENT SPECIAL PURPOSES other purposes to officially name the special purpose revenue fund **REVENUE FUND AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"** established by D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.01(b) as the Nuisance Abatement Special Purpose Revenue Fund ("NASPR Fund"): to require a detailed accounting of the NASPR Fund; to establish INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, ALEXANDER, **GRAHAM** determinations regarding the use of the NASPR Fund; to provide tenants with the ability to submit an application for a correction of a violation; to require a housing provider to pay for the cost of tenant COSPONSOR(S): EVANS, CHEH, WELLS, MENDELSON, BIDDLE, THOMAS, BROWN relocation: to clarify the process for service of notices, orders, and other documents. **REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER) HEARING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0164 To amend section 47-1806.06 of the District of Columbia Official INTRODUCED: 03/15/2011 Code to expand access to property tax relief for low-income residents living in D.C. by increasing the Schedule H income requirement ceiling from \$20,000 to \$50,000, by increasing the maximum benefit "SCHEDULE H PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT from \$750 to \$1,000, by changing the existing property tax equivalent OF 2011" amount from 15% to 20%, by allowing a tax filing unit to apply per INTRODUCED BY: EVANS, MBROWN, household instead of one person filing per household, by adding a **MENDELSON** cost of living adjustment to the Schedule H. and by simplifying the property tax rate structure currently in place. COSPONSOR(S): BARRY, BIDDLE, ALEXANDER, GRAHAM, BOWSER, THOMAS, **BROWN REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS)** HEARING: 11/16/11 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: To amend the Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia to clarify that the Office of Administrative Hearings may adjudicate B19-0190

complaints for the non-return of tenant security deposits as well as the nonpayment of interest on tenant security deposits; and to clarify

that any housing provider who in bad faith fails to return a security

CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011" deposit rightfully owed to a tenant, or fails to pay the interest on the security deposit, is liable to the tenant for treble damages. INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, GRAHAM, CHEH COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN) HEARING: 11/28/11 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2/7/12 approved Reconsideration 2/7/12 approved 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 3/6/12 approved Act: A19-343 Effective Law Date: 6/7/12 B19-0210 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011 to reduce the quorum requirement of the Rental Housing Commission to one member. "RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION QUORUM **EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"** INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL **HEARING:** APPROVED 3/3/09 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 04/27/11 Act: A19-0052 Expires: 7/26/11 B19-0218 INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011 To amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow non-profit housing developers to receive tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) without the need to "NON-PROFIT LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011" assign the housing development project to a for-profit subsidiary company, to retain tax exemption. INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, BARRY, **GRAHAM** COSPONSOR(S): ALEXANDER, MENDELSON, **THOMAS REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS) HEARING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Act: Law: B19-0241 INTRODUCED: 04/14/2011 To authorize, on an emergency basis, an increase in the amount appropriated as Dedicated Tax funds for fiscal year 2011 pursuant to "HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

DEDICATED TAX APPROPRIATIONS EMERGENCY APPROVAL ACT OF 2011"	
INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST	
OF THE MAYOR	
COSPONSOR(S):  REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL	
HEARING:	
READING:	
Act: Law:	
B19-0250	
INTRODUCED: 04/19/2011	To require all newly constructed, District financial assisted, single family homes and townhomes to meet minimum standards of
"VISITABILITY REQUIREMENTS ACT OF 2011"	visitability for persons with disabilities.
INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, ALEXANDER, BARRY, GRAHAM	
COSPONSOR(S): WELLS	
REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN); PSCA (ALEXANDER)	
HEARING: 11/28/11	
1 <sup>ST</sup> READING: 2 <sup>ND</sup> READING:	
Act: Law:	
B19-0423 INTRODUCED: 7/12/2011	To prohibit the issuance of permits allowing the construction of any apartment buildings in Ward 8.
"MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN WARD 8 ACT OF 2011"	
INTRODUCED BY: BARRY	
COSPONSOR(S):	
REFERRED TO: HWD (MBrown)	
HEARING:	
READING:	
Act: Law:	
B19-0581	
INTRODUCED: 11/15/2011	To amend title 28 of the District of Columbia Code to revise the definition of consumer; to prohibit the willful use of falsehood,
"CONSUMER PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT	innuendo, or ambiguity; to prohibit representing that a transaction

OF 2011" confers rights that it does not; to prohibit unfair business practices; to explicitly authorize non-profit organizations to bring suit under the INTRODUCED BY: CHEH District's consumer protection statute; to create a right of action for non-profits organizations whose public interest activities have been COSPONSOR(S): MENDELSON perceptibly impaired; and to create a unit pricing requirement for consumer commodities. REFERRED TO: PSCA (Alexander) **HEARING: 10/11/12 READING:** Act: Law: B19-0754 To provide immunity from legal repercussions to those persons who **INTRODUCED: 4/17/2012** seek health care for someone experiencing or perceived to be experiencing an overdose; to establish as a mitigating factor in "Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention criminal prosecutions the seeking of health care for an overdose Amendment Act of 2012" victim: to prohibit the use of evidence gained as a result of seeking health care for an overdose victim in residential drug-related eviction **INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson, Wells** proceedings; to authorize the possession and administration of opioid antagonists; to authorize prescription of opioid antagonists by licensed healthcare professionals; to provide data on overdose and COSPONSOR(S): Cheh overdose-related health care services; and to raise awareness and REFERRED TO: J (Mendelson) encourage the prevention of overdose deaths. **HEARING: READING:** Act: Law: B19-1037 To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to ensure that INTRODUCED: 11/1/2012 any affected tenant has the opportunity to be heard before the approval or disapproval of a voluntary agreement to "RENT CONTROL VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT raise the rents in a rent-controlled accommodation; to PROCEDURE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2012" ensure that the Rent Administrator has the opportunity to present grounds for disapproval of a voluntary agreement at INTRODUCED BY: Graham, MBrown, Cheh a proceeding before the Office of Administrative Hearings; and to eliminate passive approval in the event that the Rent Administrator fails to approve or disapprove the voluntary COSPONSOR(S): Evans, Alexander, Orange, McDuffie, Mendelson agreement within a certain time period. REFERRED TO: EDH (MBrown) **HEARING:** READING: Act: Law: PR19-0040 To confirm the appointment of Mr. Nicholas A. Majett as Director of INTRODUCED: 01/26/2011 the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS NICHOLAS A. MAJETT CONFIRMATION **RESOLUTION OF 2011"** INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR

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HEARING: 03/17/2011	
FINAL VOTE: 04/05/2011 APPROVED: 13-0-0 ENACTMENT: 4/15/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0075	
PR19-0103 INTRODUCED: 02/28/2011	To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to extend the sunset provision of the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to December 31, 2020.
"RENTAL HOUSING ACT EXTENSION CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"	
INTRODUCED BY:	
REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL	
HEARING:	
FINAL VOTE: 03/01/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 ENACTMENT: 03/18/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0043	
PR19-0123 INTRODUCED: 03/11/2011	To approve the proposed rules to implement the District of Columbia
"SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING REGULATIONS APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2011"	Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to administer the District of Columbia's Shelter and 20 Supportive Housing for Individuals and Families Programs.
INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR	
REFERRED TO: HS (GRAHAM)	
HEARING:	
<b>DEEMED APPROVED</b> WITHOUT COUNCIL ACTION, 05/26/2011	
PR19-0142 INTRODUCED: 04/01/2011	To approve the proposed rules to amend and add to the schedule of fines for violations related to rodent control and enforceable under
"RODENT CONTROL SCHEDULE OF FINES APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2011"	section 908(d) of the Rodent Control Act of 2000.
INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR	
REFERRED TO: H (CATANIA)	
HEARING:	
DEEMED APPROVED WITHOUT COUNCIL ACTION, 06-05-2011	
PR19-0148 INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011	To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to reduce the quorum requirement of the Rental Housing Commission to one member.

"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION QUORUM **EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION OF** 2011". **INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN** REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL **HEARING:** FINAL VOTE: 04/05/2011 APPROVED: 9-3-1 **ENACTMENT: 04/15/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0082** PR19-0173 To confirm the appointment of Mr. Ronald A. Young to the Rental INTRODUCED: 04/15/2011 Housing Commission. "RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION RONALD A. YOUNG CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011". INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT REQUEST OF THE MAYOR COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN) HEARING: Public Roundtable - June 23, 2011 at 2:00PM, Room 123, John A. Wilson Building. FINAL VOTE: 07/12/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 **ENACTMENT: 07/12/2011 RESOLUTION: R19-0172** PR19-0174 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Marta W. Berkley to the Rental Housing Commission. "RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION MARTA W. BERKLEY CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011" **INTRODUCED: 4/14/11** INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor. COSPONSOR(S): **REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)** HEARING: Public Roundtable - June 23, 2011 at 2:00PM, Room 123, John A. Wilson Building. FINAL VOTE: 07/12/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 ENACTMENT: 07/12/2011 **RESOLUTION: R19-0174** 

PR19-0302 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth A. Noel to the Public Service Commission. "PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELIZABETH A. NOEL **CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"** INTRODUCED: 7/7/11 INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor. COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER) **HEARING: 10/11/11** FINAL VOTE: **APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:** WITHDRAWN BY THE MAYOR: 12/8/11 PR19-0453 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Johanna Shreve as the Chief Tenant Advocate of the Office of the Tenant Advocate "CHIEF TENANT ADVOCATE OF THE OFFICE OF THE TENANT ADVOCATE JOHANNA SHREVE CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011" **INTRODUCED: 11/15/11** INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor. COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER) **HEARING: 1/18/12** FINAL VOTE: approved APPROVED: 2/7/12 **ENACTMENT: 2/7/12 RESOLUTION: R19-365** PR19-0479 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth A. Noel to the Public Service Commission. "PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELIZABETH A. NOEL **CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"** INTRODUCED: 12/8/11 INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor. COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)

HEARING: see PR19-302	
FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:	
Deemed disapproved without Council action: 3/29/12	
PR19-0812	To confirm the appointment of Mr. Stanley Jackson to the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors.
"HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS STANLEY JACKSON CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2012"	
INTRODUCED: 7/2/12	
INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request of the Mayor	
COSPONSOR(S):	
REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN)	
HEARING: 10/10/12	
FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:	
PR19-0816	To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Ronald A. Young to the Rental Housing Commission.
"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION RONALD A. YOUNG CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2012"	Flousing Commission.
INTRODUCED: 7/2/12	
INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request of the Mayor	
COSPONSOR(S):	
REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN)	
HEARING: 10/10/12	
FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:	
PR19-0817	To confirm the reappointment of Ms. Marta W. Berkley to the Rental Housing Commission.
"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION MARTA W. BERKLEY CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF	

2012" INTRODUCED: 7/2/12 **INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request** of the Mayor COSPONSOR(S): **REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN) HEARING: 10/10/12 FINAL VOTE:** APPROVED: **ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:** To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Peter Szegedy-Maszak to the Rental Housing Commission. PR19-0818 "RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION PETER SZEGEDY-MASZAK CONFIRMATION **RESOLUTION OF 2012"** INTRODUCED: 7/2/12 **INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request** of the Mayor COSPONSOR(S): REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN) **HEARING: 10/10/12** FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: **ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:** To confirm the Mayoral appointment of Michael Kelly as the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the PR19-0821 District of Columbia. "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MICHAEL KELLY CONFIRMATION **RESOLUTION OF 2012"** INTRODUCED: 7/3/12 **INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request** of the Mayor COSPONSOR(S): **REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN) HEARING: 10/10/12** 

FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:	
PR19-0959	To confirm the appointment of Keith A. Anderson as the Rent Administrator of the District of Columbia.
"RENT ADMINISTRATOR KEITH A. ANDERSON CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2012"	
INTRODUCED: 9/17/12	
INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson at the Request of the Mayor	
COSPONSOR(S):	
REFERRED TO: EDH (BROWN)	
HEARING:	
FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:	