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D.C. OFFICE OF THE TENANT ADVOCATE

***D.C. COUNCIL PERIOD 20
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 20 began on January 1, 2013, and will end on December 31, 2014.

This tracking chart also includes links to the full text of the bill if it is available on the D.C. Council's website (<http://dccouncil.us/>).

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***Organization of the DC Council for Period 20
Committee: Committee Chairperson / other Committee members***

COW = Committee of the Whole: **Mendelson** / all other Councilmembers

BSCA = Business Consumer and Regulatory Affairs: **Orange** / Alexander, Cheh, Graham, Grosso

ED = Economic Development: **Bowser** / Bonds, Evans, McDuffie, Orange

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

JPS = Judiciary and Public Safety: **Wells** / Bonds, Bowser, Cheh, Evans

WCA = Workforce and Community Affairs: **Barry** / Alexander, Graham, McDuffie, Wells

E = Education: **Catania** / Alexander, Barry, Grosso, Wells

FR = Finance and Revenue: **Evans** / Barry, Bowser, Catania, Grosso

H = Health: **Alexander** / Bonds, Barry, Catania, Grosso, Orange

HS = Human Services: **Graham** / Barry, Bonds, McDuffie, Wells

TE = Transportation and the Environment: **Cheh** / Evans, Graham, McDuffie, Wells

This list is periodically updated to include introductions of legislation 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.

<p>B20-0052</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 1/8/2013</p> <p>"RENT CONTROL VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT PROCEDURE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2013"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Graham, Cheh</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Alexander, Evans, Grosso, Bonds, McDuffie, Barry, Mendelson</p> <p>REFERRED TO: ED COMMENTS: BCRA, JPS</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>Long title:</p> <p>To amend the Rental Housing Act to ensure that any affected tenant has the opportunity to be heard before the approval or disapproval of a voluntary agreement to raise the rents in a rent-controlled accommodation; to ensure that the Rent Administrator has the opportunity to present grounds for disapproval of a voluntary agreement at a proceeding before the Office of Administrative Hearings; to eliminate automatic approval in the event that the voluntary agreement specifies rent increases for all units in the accommodation by a certain percentage; and to prohibit passive approval in the event that the Rent Administrator fails to approve or disapprove the voluntary agreement within a certain time period.</p> <p>Full bill:</p> <p>http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130122132617.pdf</p>
<p>B20-0058</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 1/8/2013</p> <p>"TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2013"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Alexander,</p>	<p>Long title:</p> <p>To amend the Office of the Chief Tenant Advocate Establishment Act of 2005 to require the Office of the Tenant Advocate to produce a Tenant Bill of Rights; to amend the Right of Tenants to Organize Amendment Act of 2006 to require all leases for residential rental units to be accompanied by the Tenant Bill of Rights; and to set forth civil penalties for failure by landlords to</p>

<p>Barry, Bonds, Cheh, Evans, Graham, Grosso, Bonds, McDuffie, Mendelson</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Bowser</p> <p>REFERRED TO: ED</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>provide the Tenant Bill or Rights to tenants at the time that the lease is first presented</p> <p>Full bill:</p> <p>http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130110171619.pdf</p>
<p>B20-0074</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 1/22/2013</p> <p>"RESIDENTIAL LEASE OMNIBUS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2013"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Cheh,</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Alexander, Bonds, Evans, Graham, McDuffie</p> <p>REFERRED TO: ED</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>Long title:</p> <p>To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to clarify that a housing provider is prohibited from circumventing the rent control law by imposing on the tenant any mandatory fee for services or facilities except as included in the maximum rent charged; to extend for twelve months the TOPA rights of any tenant who has timely vacated a rental unit pursuant to a notice to vacate for the owner's personal use and occupancy; and to define "reasonable notice" and "reasonable time" as these terms pertain to landlord entry into tenant units; and to amend the Housing Title of the D.C. Municipal Regulations to ensure that any lease requirement regarding the tenant's notice of an intent to vacate is clear and conforms with existing law; to prohibit the housing provider from unreasonably withholding consent where the lease permits or does not prohibit subletting or lease assignment; and to provide tenants with damages when a landlord places or causes to be placed a prohibited provision in a lease in bad faith.</p> <p>Full bill:</p> <p>http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130124100022.pdf</p>
<p>B20-0077</p>	<p>Long title:</p>

<p>INTRODUCED: 1/22/2013</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2013"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Graham, Alexander, Cheh</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Bonds, McDuffie</p> <p>REFERRED TO: BCRA</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To amend Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code to permit a tenant to bring a claim against a housing provider under the District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act of 1976, and to limit that right to claims that cannot be brought under Section 216 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985.</p> <p>Full bill:</p> <p>http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130124095402.pdf</p>
<p>B20-0113</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 2/5/2013</p> <p>"RENT CONTROL HARDSHIP PETITION LIMITATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2013"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Graham, Barry</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Alexander, Bonds, Cheh, Evans, Grosso, McDuffie, Mendelson</p> <p>REFERRED TO: ED</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p>	<p>Long title:</p> <p>To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985, in a case where a hardship petition has been filed to request a rent adjustment and the Rent Administrator has failed to issue a decision within 90 days, to limit the amount of the conditional rent increase for any affected unit to of 5 percent of the rent charged.</p> <p>Full bill:</p> <p>http://dcclims1.dccouncil.us/images/00001/20130207161441.pdf</p>

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