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HOUSE BILL 25-1236

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE SCREENING OF A PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTIAL TENANT

BY A LANDLORD.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill amends the definition of a "portable tenant screening report" (screening report) to specify that a prospective tenant using a housing subsidy is not required to include a credit history report, a credit score, or an adverse credit event with the tenant's screening report.

The bill repeals language allowing a landlord to require a tenant to make a screening report directly available to the landlord through a HOUSE 3rd Reading Unamended March 26, 2025

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consumer reporting agency or third-party website.

Current law prohibits a landlord from inquiring into a prospective tenant's adverse credit event. The bill defines "adverse credit event" as an event that can be reflected in a consumer credit report or might negatively affect a person's credit score, including past due delinquent rent payments and collections.

The bill allows a landlord receiving a portable tenant screening report to require that the screening report was completed within the previous 60 days, which time period is increased from 30 days.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-902, amend (2.5)(e)(I) as follows:

38-12-902. Definitions. As used in this part 9, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (2.5) "Portable tenant screening report" or "screening report" means a consumer report prepared at the request of a prospective tenant that includes information provided by a consumer reporting agency, which report includes the following information about a prospective tenant and the date through which the information contained in the report is current:
- (e) For each jurisdiction indicated in the consumer report as a prior residence of the prospective tenant, regardless of whether the residence is reported by the prospective tenant or by the consumer reporting agency preparing the consumer report:
- (I) A rental and credit history report for the prospective tenant that complies with section 38-12-904 (1)(a) concerning a landlord's consideration of a prospective tenant's rental history; EXCEPT THAT A CREDIT HISTORY REPORT, A CREDIT SCORE, OR AN ADVERSE CREDIT EVENT
 IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN A PORTABLE TENANT SCREENING

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1	REPORT CONCERNING A PROSPECTIVE TENANT WHO IS SEEKING TO RENT
2	WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A HOUSING SUBSIDY; and
3	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-904,
4	repeal (1.5)(b)(II) as follows:
5	38-12-904. Consideration of rental applications - limitations
6	- portable tenant screening report - notice to prospective tenants -
7	denial notice. (1.5) (b) A landlord receiving a portable tenant screening
8	<u>report</u> may require:
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10	(II) That the screening report is made directly available to the
11	landlord by the consumer reporting agency for use in the rental
12	application process or provided through a third-party website that
13	regularly engages in the business of providing consumer reports and
14	complies with all state and federal laws pertaining to use and disclosure
15	of information contained in a consumer report by a consumer reporting
16	agency;
17	SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -
18	applicability. (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a
19	referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
20	state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
21	within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
22	assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
23	approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
24	2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
25	declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
26	(2) This act applies to rental applications submitted on or after the
2.7	applicable effective date of this act.

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