

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

HB25-1249 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 10, strike lines 20 through 27.

2 Strike page 11 and substitute:

3 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-103, **amend**  
4 **as amended by House Bill 25-1168** (1) as follows:

5 **38-12-103. Return of security deposit.** (1) (a) A landlord shall,  
6 within ~~one month~~ THIRTY DAYS after the termination of a lease or  
7 surrender ~~and acceptance of the~~ OF A premises, whichever occurs last,  
8 return to the tenant the full security deposit deposited with the landlord  
9 by the tenant, unless the lease agreement specifies a longer period of time,  
10 but not to exceed sixty days. A landlord shall not retain the security  
11 deposit to cover normal wear and tear OR FOR ANY DAMAGE OR DEFECTIVE  
12 CONDITION THAT PREEXISTED THE TENANCY. If a tenant terminates the  
13 lease pursuant to section 38-12-402 (2)(a) and provides the  
14 documentation required pursuant to section 38-12-402 (2)(a.5), the tenant  
15 is not liable for damage to the dwelling unit caused by the responsible  
16 party or during the course of an incident of unlawful sexual behavior,  
17 stalking, domestic violence, or domestic abuse, and any amount of money  
18 that the landlord retains from the security deposit must comply with  
19 section 38-12-402 (2)(b). In the event that actual cause exists for retaining  
20 any portion of the security deposit, the landlord shall provide the tenant  
21 with a written statement listing the exact reasons for the retention of any  
22 portion of the security deposit. When the LANDLORD DELIVERS THE  
23 statement ~~is delivered, it must be accompanied by payment of~~ THE  
24 LANDLORD SHALL ALSO DELIVER the difference between any sum  
25 deposited and the amount retained, ALONG WITH ANY RELEVANT  
26 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION. A  
27 landlord is deemed to have complied with this ~~section~~ REQUIREMENT by  
28 ~~mailing~~ SENDING the statement, ~~and~~ any REQUIRED payment, AND ANY  
29 required DOCUMENTATION to the last-known address of the tenant OR TO  
30 ANY EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE TENANT THAT THE LANDLORD HAS ACTUAL  
31 NOTICE OF BY SENDING ANY REQUIRED PAYMENT TO THE TENANT IN  
32 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION.

33 (b) ~~This section does not preclude a landlord from retaining~~  
34 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3.5)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, A  
35 LANDLORD HAS ACTUAL CAUSE TO RETAIN REASONABLE AMOUNTS FROM  
36 the security deposit ONLY for:

37 (I) Nonpayment of rent; ~~abandonment of the premises, or~~

38 (II) Nonpayment of utility charges; ~~repair work, or cleaning~~

1 ~~contracted for by the tenant.~~  
2 (III) NONPAYMENT OF OTHER LAWFUL CHARGES LISTED IN THE  
3 LEASE; OR  
4 (IV) NECESSARY REPAIR WORK FOR DAMAGE OR DEFECTIVE  
5 CONDITIONS THAT EXCEED NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR AND DID NOT  
6 PREEXIST THE TENANCY.  
7 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
8 **applicability.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act  
9 takes effect January 1, 2026.  
10 (2) Section 38-12-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended  
11 in section 2 of this act, takes effect only if House Bill 25-1168 does not  
12 become law.  
13 (3) Section 3 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 25-1168  
14 becomes law, in which case section 3 of this act takes effect on the  
15 applicable effective date of this act.  
16 (4) If a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of  
17 article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or  
18 part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
19 general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.  
23 (5) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
24 effective date of this act."

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