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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

## 101 CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL AGREEMENT

102 TERMS IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS

103 **RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF RENT.** 

### **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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

The bill prohibits residential rental agreements from requiring acceleration of rent, liquidated damages, or other penalties, or from requiring a person to forgo a sum of money that would have otherwise been refunded, if the rental agreement is terminated before the end of its term due to the death of a tenant or other individual who is responsible



# HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading February 28, 2025

for the payment of rent under the rental agreement.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** The short title of this act is "Letty's Act". 3 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-12-801, add (3.5) as follows: 4 5 38-12-801. Written rental agreement - prohibited clauses -6 copy - tenant - applicability - definitions. (3.5) (a) IN ADDITION TO 7 OTHER PROHIBITED CLAUSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS 8 SECTION, IF A RENTAL AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED BEFORE THE END OF 9 THE TERM OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT DUE TO THE DEATH OF A TENANT 10 UNDER THE RENTAL AGREEMENT, A CLAUSE IN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT 11 THAT REQUIRES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE: 12 (I) THE PAYMENT OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES; 13 (II) THE ACCELERATION OF RENT FOR A PERIOD THAT IS BEYOND 14 THE END OF THE MONTH OR MORE THAN TEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE 15 DWELLING UNIT IS VACATED AFTER NOTICE TO THE LANDLORD OF THE 16 DEATH OF THE TENANT, WHICHEVER IS LATER; 17 (III) THE PAYMENT OR REFUND TO THE LANDLORD OF ANY 18 CONCESSIONS OR MOVE-IN DISCOUNTS; OR 19 (IV) THE PAYMENT OF ANY OTHER FEE, DAMAGES, OR PENALTY 20 ASSESSED AS A RESULT OF THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE RENTAL 21 AGREEMENT. 22 (b) A LANDLORD MAY TAKE POSSESSION OF THE DWELLING UNIT 23 WITHOUT FILING AN EVICTION ACTION OR OTHERWISE OBTAINING A COURT 24 ORDER IF: 25 (I) THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TENANT'S ESTATE

1 NOTIFIES THE LANDLORD OF THE SURRENDER OF THE PREMISES; OR 2 (II) THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE TENANT: 3 (A) RENT REMAINS UNPAID; OR 4 (B) SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE TENANT'S PROPERTY HAS BEEN 5 REMOVED. SECTION 3. 6 Act subject to petition - effective date -7 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2025; except that, 8 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of 9 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act 10 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general 11 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless 12 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 13 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official 14 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor. 15 (2) This act applies to rental agreements that are entered into on

16 or after the applicable effective date of this act.