

Senate Bill 206

By: Senators Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding landlord and tenant, so as to provide that a
3 prospective tenant shall not be refused a rental or lease agreement solely based upon a
4 previous eviction during the COVID-19 public health emergency; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding landlord and tenant, is amended by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "44-7-1.1.

12 No landlord or owner of real estate shall refuse to enter into a rental or lease agreement
13 with a prospective tenant if such refusal is solely based upon such prospective tenant being
14 previously evicted during a period when a public health emergency related to the
15 COVID-19 pandemic was declared to exist by the United States secretary of health and
16 human services."

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SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.