| 1 | AN ACT relating to rights and obligations of landlords and tenants to a residential |
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| 2 | lease. |
| 3 | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky: |
| 4 | →SECTION 1. KRS 383.545 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 5 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 6 | As used in Sections 1 to 61 of this Act: |
| 7 | (1) "Action" means an action for damages, possession, ejectment, quiet title, specific |
| 8 | performance, or other judicial proceeding in which rights under a lease or |
| 9 | Sections 1 to 61 of this Act are determined; |
| 10 | (2) "Actual damages" means compensation for direct, consequential, or incidental |
| 11 | injuries or losses. The term includes amounts payable to a landlord or tenant |
| 12 | under the lease for a violation of the lease and diminution in the value of a |
| 13 | dwelling unit; |
| 14 | (3) "Bank" means an organization that engages in the business of banking and is |
| 15 | federally insured. The term includes a savings bank, savings and loan |
| 16 | association, credit union, and trust company; |
| 17 | (4) "Building, housing, fire, or health code" includes any law concerning fitness for |
| 18 | habitation or the construction, maintenance, operation, occupancy, use, or |
| 19 | appearance of the premises; |
| 20 | (5) "Contact person" means a person designated by a tenant under subsection (2) of |
| 21 | Section 8 of this Act; |
| 22 | (6) "Criminal act" or "criminal activity" means: |
| 23 | (a) The manufacture, sale, distribution, use, or possession of a controlled |
| 24 | substance on or in the vicinity of the premises which is criminal under state |
| 25 | or federal law; or |
| 26 | (b) Activity that is criminal under state or federal law and threatens the health |
| 2.7 | or safety of an individual on the premises or the landlord or landlord's |

| 1 | | agent on or off the premises; |
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| 2 | <u>(7)</u> | "Diminution in the value of a dwelling unit" means a reduction from rent which |
| 3 | | reflects the extent to which a noncompliant condition of the premises impairs the |
| 4 | | tenant's use and enjoyment of the unit, as determined by a court based on |
| 5 | | evidence that need not include expert testimony; |
| 6 | <u>(8)</u> | "Dwelling unit" means property leased to a tenant for use as a home, residence, |
| 7 | | or sleeping place by an individual or two (2) or more individuals who maintain a |
| 8 | | common household, regardless of their relationship to each other. The term |
| 9 | | includes: |
| 10 | | (a) A single family residence, together with fixtures and appurtenances, the |
| 11 | | land on which it is located, and any other structure on the land; and |
| 12 | | (b) A structure or part of a structure in which the tenant resides, together with |
| 13 | | fixtures and appurtenances, and any other area of the land on which the |
| 14 | | structure is located to which the tenant is given an exclusive right of |
| 15 | | possession during the term of the lease, including a designated parking |
| 16 | | space or storage area; |
| 17 | <u>(9)</u> | "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, |
| 18 | | wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capability; |
| 19 | <u>(10)</u> | "Essential service" means heat, hot and cold running water, sewage or septic |
| 20 | | disposal, and electricity. The term includes gas or air conditioning if required to |
| 21 | | be supplied to a tenant by the lease or state law or local ordinance which, if not |
| 22 | | supplied to the tenant, would create a serious threat to the health, safety, or |
| 23 | | property of the tenant or immediate family member; |
| 24 | <u>(11)</u> | "Fees" means amounts payable by a tenant to a landlord which the landlord has |
| 25 | | no obligation to account for or return to the tenant. The term does not include |
| 26 | | rent or a security deposit; |
| 27 | (12) | "Funds" means money, checks, bank account credits, certificates of deposit, or |

| 1 | the like; |
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| 2 | (13) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable |
| 3 | commercial standards of fair dealing; |
| 4 | (14) "Guest" means an individual, other than the landlord or landlord's agent, invited |
| 5 | on the premises by a tenant or immediate family member; |
| 6 | (15) "Immediate family member" means any of the following who habitually resides |
| 7 | in a dwelling unit with a tenant: |
| 8 | (a) An individual related to the tenant by blood, adoption, marriage, civil union, |
| 9 | or domestic partnership; |
| 10 | (b) An individual having an intimate relationship with the tenant; or |
| 11 | (c) A foster child, stepchild, or ward of the tenant; |
| 12 | (16) "Landlord" means: |
| 13 | (a) The owner of a dwelling unit rented to a tenant; |
| 14 | (b) A successor in interest to the landlord; |
| 15 | (c) A sublessor, only if the landlord did not consent to the sublease; and |
| 16 | (d) A person that manages the unit or enters a lease on behalf of the owner of |
| 17 | the unit and fails to comply with Section 7 of this Act, except with respect to |
| 18 | events occurring after: |
| 19 | 1. The tenant is given notice in a record that complies with Section 7 of |
| 20 | this Act; or |
| 21 | 2. The date of termination of the person's authority to act on behalf of |
| 22 | the owner if that authority is terminated; |
| 23 | (17) "Law" includes federal or state statutes, case law, administrative action, and |
| 24 | legislative acts of local governments; |
| 25 | (18) "Lease" means a contract, oral or in a record, between a landlord and tenant in |
| 26 | which the landlord rents a dwelling unit to the tenant for a tenancy for a fixed |
| 27 | term or a periodic tenancy. The term includes an amendment to the lease, rules |

| 1 | adopted by the landlord which were disclosed to the tenant under Section 7 of this |
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| 2 | Act, and, subject to Section 18 of this Act, rules adopted by the landlord after |
| 3 | commencement of the term of the lease; |
| 4 | 19) ''Notice in a record'' means notice that complies with subsection (2) of Section 6 |
| 5 | of this Act; |
| 6 | 20) ''Owner'' means a person vested with all or part of: |
| 7 | (a) Legal title to the premises; or |
| 8 | (b) Beneficial ownership and a right to present use and enjoyment of the |
| 9 | premises; |
| 10 | 21) "Periodic rent" means the amount payable each month under a tenancy for a |
| 11 | fixed term or a periodic tenancy for month to month or payable each week under |
| 12 | a periodic tenancy for week to week. If rent is payable annually, periodic rent is |
| 13 | the amount of the annual rent divided by twelve (12); |
| 14 | 22) ''Periodic tenancy'' means a tenancy created under a lease or arising by |
| 15 | operation of law for either month to month or week to week; |
| 16 | 23) ''Person'' means an individual, estate, trust, business or nonprofit entity, public |
| 17 | corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or |
| 18 | instrumentality, or other legal entity; |
| 19 | 24) ''Premises'' means a dwelling unit and, to the extent owned by the landlord, any |
| 20 | structure of which the unit is a part. The term includes any area and structure |
| 21 | owned by the landlord which are associated with the structure in which the |
| 22 | dwelling unit is located and held out by the landlord for the use of tenants |
| 23 | generally; |
| 24 | 25) "Prepaid rent" means rent paid to a landlord before the first day of the renta |
| 25 | period to which it is to be applied; |
| 26 | 26) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is |
| 27 | stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form; |

| 1 | (27) "Rent," used as a noun, means a payment for the right to possession of a |
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| 2 | dwelling unit. The term does not include a security deposit or fees; |
| 3 | (28) ''Repairs'' includes remediation; |
| 4 | (29) "Security deposit" means funds provided to a landlord to secure payment or |
| 5 | performance of a tenant's obligations under a lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act |
| 6 | and the identifiable proceeds of the funds, however denominated. The term does |
| 7 | not include rent or fees; |
| 8 | (30) "Security interest" means an interest in personal property which secures |
| 9 | payment or performance of a tenant's obligations under a lease or Sections 1 to |
| 10 | 61 of this Act; |
| 11 | (31) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record: |
| 12 | (a) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or |
| 13 | (b) To attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, |
| 14 | sound, or process. |
| 15 | For purposes of this subsection, "symbol" includes an electronic-mail address or |
| 16 | other identifying header; |
| 17 | (32) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, |
| 18 | the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to |
| 19 | the jurisdiction of the United States; |
| 20 | (33) "Tenancy for a fixed term" means a tenancy under a lease for a fixed or |
| 21 | computable period, regardless of the length of the period; |
| 22 | (34) "Tenant" means: |
| 23 | (a) A person that is a party to a lease of a dwelling unit and is entitled to |
| 24 | possession of the unit; |
| 25 | (b) An assignee or sublessee of a tenant which has possession of the unit with |
| 26 | the landlord's consent; and |
| 27 | (c) An individual authorized to occupy the unit by a tenant; |

| 1 | (35) "Tenant representative" means: |
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| 2 | (a) A personal representative of a deceased tenant's estate; or |
| 3 | (b) Before the appointment of a personal representative, a contact person, or in |
| 4 | the absence of a contact person, a person the landlord reasonably believes |
| 5 | to be an heir of the tenant under the applicable intestate succession law; |
| 6 | (36) "Unearned rent" means rent, including prepaid rent, that a tenant paid to a |
| 7 | landlord for the right to possession of the dwelling unit for any period after the |
| 8 | date the lease terminates in accordance with its terms or Sections 1 to 61 of this |
| 9 | Act. The term does not include an amount, including rent, owed to the landlord |
| 10 | for a period before or after the date the lease terminates during which the tenant |
| 11 | is in physical possession of the premises; and |
| 12 | (37) "Willful" means intentional performance of an act the actor knows to be |
| 13 | prohibited by Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or a lease, intentional failure to perform |
| 14 | an act the actor knows to be required by Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or the lease, |
| 15 | or deliberate indifference to whether the performance or failure to perform |
| 16 | violates Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or the lease. "Willfully" has a corresponding |
| 17 | meaning. |
| 18 | →SECTION 2. KRS 383.535 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 19 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 20 | (1) As used in this section: |
| 21 | (a) "Occupancy as a vacation rental" means occupancy that has the following |
| 22 | <u>characteristics:</u> |
| 23 | 1. The tenant rents the dwelling unit for vacation purposes only and has |
| 24 | a principal residence other than the unit; |
| 25 | 2. The unit is furnished with personal property necessary to make the |
| 26 | unit ready for immediate occupancy by the tenant; and |
| 27 | 3. The occupancy does not exceed thirty (30) consecutive days; and |

| I | (b) "Transient occupancy" means occupancy in a room or suite of rooms |
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| 2 | which has the following characteristics: |
| 3 | 1. The cost of occupancy is charged on a daily basis; |
| 4 | 2. The operator of the room or suite provides housekeeping and liner |
| 5 | service as part of the regularly charged cost of occupancy; and |
| 6 | 3. The occupancy does not exceed thirty (30) consecutive days. |
| 7 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, Sections 1 to 61 o |
| 8 | this Act applies to a lease of a dwelling unit in this Commonwealth. |
| 9 | (3) The following arrangements are not governed by Sections 1 to 61 of this Act: |
| 10 | (a) Residence at a public or private facility, if incidental to detention or the |
| 11 | provision of medical, mental health, geriatric, counseling, educational |
| 12 | religious, disability, personal safety, or similar service; |
| 13 | (b) Occupancy under a contract of sale of, or an option to purchase, a dwelling |
| 14 | unit or the building of which it is a part, if the occupant is the purchaser of |
| 15 | optionee or an individual who has succeeded to the interest of the purchases |
| 16 | or optionee; |
| 17 | (c) Occupancy by a member of a fraternal or social organization in a part of a |
| 18 | structure operated for the benefit of the organization; |
| 19 | (d) Transient occupancy; |
| 20 | (e) Occupancy by an employee of a landlord when the employee's right to |
| 21 | occupancy is conditioned on employment in or about the premises; |
| 22 | (f) Occupancy by a holder of a proprietary lease in a cooperative; |
| 23 | (g) Occupancy under a lease covering premises used by the occupant for |
| 24 | agricultural purposes; |
| 25 | (h) Occupancy as a vacation rental; and |
| 26 | (i) A ground lease of real property which lease does not include a dwelling |
| 27 | unit. |

| 1 | → SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
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| 2 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 3 | (1) A right or obligation under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act is enforceable by an action |
| 4 | unless the provision creating the right or obligation provides otherwise. |
| 5 | (2) A party seeking relief under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act has a duty to mitigate |
| 6 | damages. |
| 7 | →SECTION 4. KRS 383.550 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 8 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 9 | Every lease or duty under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act imposes an obligation of good |
| 10 | faith in its performance and enforcement. |
| 11 | →SECTION 5. KRS 383.555 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 12 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 13 | (1) If a court, as a matter of law, finds a lease or any provision of the lease was |
| 14 | unconscionable at the time it was made, the court may refuse to enforce the lease, |
| 15 | enforce the remainder of the lease without the unconscionable provision, or limit |
| 16 | application of the unconscionable provision to avoid an unconscionable result. |
| 17 | (2) If a court, as a matter of law, finds a settlement agreement in which a party |
| 18 | waived or agreed to forgo a claim or right under a lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this |
| 19 | Act was unconscionable at the time it was made, the court may refuse to enforce |
| 20 | the agreement, enforce the remainder of the agreement without the |
| 21 | unconscionable provision, or limit application of the unconscionable provision to |
| 22 | avoid an unconscionable result. |
| 23 | (3) If a party or the court puts unconscionability in issue under subsection (1) or (2) |
| 24 | of this section, the court shall allow the parties to present evidence of the setting, |
| 25 | purpose, and effect of the lease or settlement agreement to aid the court in |
| 26 | making the determination of unconscionability. |
| 27 | →SECTION 6. KRS 383.560 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |

| 1 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
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| 2 | <u>(1)</u> | In Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, a person has notice of a fact if the person: |
| 3 | | (a) Has actual knowledge of the fact; |
| 4 | | (b) Received notice of the fact under subsection (4) of this section; or |
| 5 | | (c) Has reason to know the fact exists from all facts known to the person at the |
| 6 | | time in question. |
| 7 | <u>(2)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of Section 44 of this Act, if |
| 8 | | Sections 1 to 61 of this Act require notice in a record, the notice must be signed |
| 9 | | by the person giving it and: |
| 0 | | (a) Delivered personally to the recipient; |
| 1 | | (b) Deposited in the mail with proper postage and properly addressed if: |
| 2 | | 1. Sent to the landlord, to the mailing address specified under Section 7 |
| 3 | | of this Act; |
| 4 | | 2. Sent to the tenant, to the mailing address specified under Section 8 of |
| 5 | | this Act; or |
| 6 | | 3. Sent to a person other than a landlord or tenant, or there is no address |
| 7 | | specified for the landlord or tenant, to an address reasonable under |
| 8 | | the circumstances; and |
| 9 | | (c) Unless the landlord or tenant notifies the other at any time that notice shall |
| 20 | | be given only by personal delivery or by mail as provided in paragraph (b) of |
| 21 | | this subsection, delivered by another means of communication with cost of |
| 22 | | transmission provided for and properly addressed if: |
| 23 | | 1. Sent to the landlord, to an address specified under Section 7 of this |
| 24 | | Act; and |
| 25 | | 2. Sent to the tenant, to an address specified under Section 8 of this Act; |
| 26 | | <u>or</u> |
| 27 | | 3. No address is specified, to an address reasonable under the |

| 1 | circumstances. |
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| 2 | (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person gives |
| 3 | notice of a fact to another person by taking steps reasonably calculated to inform |
| 4 | the other person, whether or not the other person learns of the fact. |
| 5 | (4) In Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, a person receives notice of a fact when: |
| 6 | (a) The fact comes to the person's attention; or |
| 7 | (b) If notice in a record is required, the notice is: |
| 8 | 1. Personally delivered under subsection (2)(a) of this section; or |
| 9 | 2. Sent or delivered under subsection (2)(b) or (c) of this section. |
| 10 | →SECTION 7. KRS 383.585 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 11 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 12 | (1) Before accepting an application fee, the prospective landlord shall disclose to the |
| 13 | prospective tenant in a record the criteria the landlord uses to determine the |
| 14 | landlord's willingness to enter into a lease with a tenant. |
| 15 | (2) Before accepting funds to be applied to a security deposit, prepaid rent, or fees |
| 16 | other than an application fee, or before entering into a lease, a prospective |
| 17 | landlord shall disclose to the prospective tenant in a record the following: |
| 18 | (a) Any condition of the premises which the landlord knows or on a reasonable |
| 19 | inspection of the premises should have known would constitute a |
| 20 | noncompliance under Section 16 of this Act and would materially interfere |
| 21 | with the health or safety of the tenant or immediate family member or would |
| 22 | materially interfere with the use and enjoyment of the premises by the |
| 23 | tenant or immediate family member; |
| 24 | (b) Whether, to the knowledge of the landlord, a foreclosure action or |
| 25 | extrajudicial foreclosure proceeding has been commenced against the |
| 26 | premises; |
| 27 | (c) If rent is prepaid, the month or other period of the lease to which the rent is |

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| 1 | | to be applied; and |
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| 2 | | (d) The rules affecting the tenant's use and enjoyment of the premises, whether |
| 3 | | adopted by the landlord or another person. |
| 4 | <u>(3)</u> | At or before commencement of the term of a lease, the landlord shall give the |
| 5 | | tenant notice in a record specifying: |
| 6 | | (a) The name of: |
| 7 | | 1. The landlord; |
| 8 | | 2. Any person authorized to manage the premises; |
| 9 | | 3. The owner of the premises; |
| 10 | | 4. Any person authorized to act for the owner for service of process; and |
| 11 | | 5. Any person authorized to receive a notice or demand for the owner; |
| 12 | | (b) The mailing address and any address to be used for the receipt of electronic |
| 13 | | communications by the landlord or any person designated by the landlord to |
| 14 | | which a notice or demand must be sent; and |
| 15 | | (c) The address to, or the method by, which the tenant must deliver rent. |
| 16 | <i>(4)</i> | A landlord shall keep the information required by subsection (3) of this section |
| 17 | | <u>current.</u> |
| 18 | <u>(5)</u> | If the premises were in foreclosure before a landlord and tenant entered into a |
| 19 | | lease and the disclosure required by subsection (2)(b) of this section was not |
| 20 | | made, the tenant may recover actual damages resulting from the foreclosure. |
| 21 | | → SECTION 8. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 22 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 23 | <u>(1)</u> | At or before commencement of the term of a lease, the tenant shall give the |
| 24 | | landlord notice in a record specifying the tenant's mailing address and any |
| 25 | | address to be used for the receipt of electronic communications by the tenant. |
| 26 | <u>(2)</u> | At the request of a landlord, the tenant shall designate a contact person to act for |
| 27 | | the tenant on the tenant's death, by giving the landlord a record specifying the |

| 1 | name and, if known, the mailing address, any address to be used for the receipt of |
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| 2 | electronic communications, and the telephone number of the contact person. In |
| 3 | the absence of a request by the landlord, the tenant may designate a contact |
| 4 | person in the same manner. |
| 5 | (3) A tenant shall keep current the information required by subsections (1) and (2) of |
| 6 | this section. On termination of the lease, the tenant shall provide the landlord a |
| 7 | forwarding address to which the landlord must send the tenant's security deposit |
| 8 | and unearned rent or other communications. |
| 9 | →SECTION 9. KRS 383.510 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 10 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 11 | Unless displaced by the particular provisions of Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, the |
| 12 | principles of law and equity supplement Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 13 | →SECTION 10. KRS 383.565 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 14 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 15 | (1) A lease may include terms and conditions not prohibited by Sections 1 to 61 of |
| 16 | this Act or other law. |
| 17 | (2) Unless a lease or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act otherwise provides: |
| 18 | (a) The tenant shall pay rent for the dwelling unit for the term of the lease in |
| 19 | an amount comparable to the rent paid for other dwelling units of similar |
| 20 | size and condition in the same or a comparable location, determined at the |
| 21 | commencement of the term; |
| 22 | (b) Rent is: |
| 23 | 1. Payable without demand or notice: |
| 24 | a. At the address or place the landlord designates under Section 7 |
| 25 | of this Act or, if no designation is made, at the landlord's place |
| 26 | of business at the time the lease was made; and |
| 27 | b. On the first day of each month or at the beginning of the term if |

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| 1 | the term is less than one (1) month; and |
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| 2 | 2. Uniformly apportioned from day to day; and |
| 3 | (c) A rental period is on a monthly basis beginning with the first day of the |
| 4 | month for a tenancy for a fixed term of more than one (1) month or a |
| 5 | periodic tenancy of month to month and, for all other tenancies, the rental |
| 6 | period begins on the first day rent is paid. |
| 7 | (3) Except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this Act, unless the lease creates a |
| 8 | tenancy for a fixed term, the tenancy is a periodic tenancy for week to week if the |
| 9 | tenant pays rent weekly and otherwise is a periodic tenancy for month to month. |
| 10 | (4) A landlord shall provide the tenant a copy of any lease that is signed by them or, |
| 11 | if the lease is enforceable under Section 11 of this Act, signed by either of them. |
| 12 | (5) If a landlord willfully fails to comply with subsection (4) of this section, the |
| 13 | tenant may recover actual damages or one (1) month's periodic rent, whichever is |
| 14 | greater. |
| 15 | →SECTION 11. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 16 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 17 | (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section: |
| 18 | (a) If a lease signed by the tenant is delivered to the landlord and the landlord |
| 19 | fails to sign the lease and return it to the tenant, acceptance of rent by the |
| 20 | landlord without a reservation of rights gives the lease the same effect as if |
| 21 | the lease had been signed by the landlord and returned to the tenant; and |
| 22 | (b) If a lease signed by the landlord is delivered to the tenant and the tenant |
| 23 | fails to sign the lease and return it to the landlord, acceptance of possession |
| 24 | and payment of rent without a reservation of rights gives the lease the same |
| 25 | effect as if the lease had been signed by the tenant and returned to the |
| 26 | <u>landlord.</u> |
| 27 | (2) If a lease given effect under subsection (1) of this section provides for a tenancy |

| 1 | for a fixed term longer than one (1) year, the lease is effective for one (1) year. |
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| 2 | (3) Absent a lease signed by the landlord or tenant which is delivered to the other, if |
| 3 | the tenant accepts possession and pays rent to the landlord without a reservation |
| 4 | of rights and the landlord accepts rent from the tenant without a reservation of |
| 5 | rights, the tenancy created is a periodic tenancy for week to week if the tenant |
| 6 | pays rent weekly and in all other cases a periodic tenancy for month to month. |
| 7 | →SECTION 12. KRS 383.570 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 8 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 9 | (1) A lease may not require the tenant to: |
| 10 | (a) Unless permitted by Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, waive or forgo a right or |
| 11 | remedy under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act; |
| 12 | (b) Authorize a person to confess judgment on a claim arising out of the lease |
| 13 | or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act; |
| 14 | (c) Perform a duty imposed on the landlord by Section 16 of this Act; |
| 15 | (d) Agree to pay attorney's fees and costs of the landlord other than those |
| 16 | provided by Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of |
| 17 | this Act; or |
| 18 | (e) Agree to exculpate or limit a liability of the landlord arising under Sections |
| 19 | 1 to 61 of this Act or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or indemnify |
| 20 | the landlord for the liability and the costs connected with the liability. |
| 21 | (2) A provision in a lease prohibited by subsection (1) of this section or law other |
| 22 | than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act is unenforceable. If the landlord seeks to enforce |
| 23 | the provision or accepts the tenant's voluntary compliance with the provision, the |
| 24 | court may award the tenant an amount not to exceed three (3) times the periodic |
| 25 | <u>rent.</u> |
| 26 | →SECTION 13. KRS 383.575 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 27 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |

| 1 | A lease, assignment, sublease, conveyance, trust deed, or security instrument shall not |
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| 2 | authorize a person to receive rent without assuming the duties imposed on the landlord |
| 3 | by the lease and Section 16 of this Act. |
| 4 | →SECTION 14. KRS 383.520 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 5 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 6 | (1) In this section, "prevailing party" means a party that: |
| 7 | (a) Initiated the enforcement of a right or remedy under a lease or Sections 1 to |
| 8 | 61 of this Act and substantially prevailed on the right or remedy asserted; or |
| 9 | (b) Substantially prevailed in defending against a right or remedy asserted by |
| 10 | the other party. |
| 11 | (2) In an action to enforce a right or remedy arising under a lease or Sections 1 to 61 |
| 12 | of this Act, the court shall award the prevailing party costs. The court may award |
| 13 | the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees if the court determines that the |
| 14 | other party did not act in good faith, willfully performed an act prohibited by the |
| 15 | lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, or willfully refrained from performing an act |
| 16 | required by the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 17 | (3) A court shall not award a landlord attorney's fees or costs in an uncontested |
| 18 | action to recover possession of a dwelling unit. |
| 19 | →SECTION 15. KRS 383.590 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 20 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 21 | A landlord shall deliver physical possession of the dwelling unit to the tenant at the |
| 22 | commencement of the term of the lease. |
| 23 | →SECTION 16. KRS 383.595 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 24 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 25 | (1) A landlord has a nonwaivable duty to maintain the premises in a habitable |
| 26 | condition, including making necessary repairs. The duty requires the landlord to |
| 27 | ensure that the premises: |

| 1 | <u>(a)</u> | Comply with all obligations imposed on the landlord by any applicable |
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| 2 | | building, housing, fire, or health code or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of |
| 3 | | this Act; |
| 4 | <u>(b)</u> | Have effective waterproofing and weather protection of the roof and |
| 5 | | exterior walls, including windows and doors; |
| 6 | <u>(c)</u> | Have plumbing facilities that conform to law and are maintained in good |
| 7 | | working order; |
| 8 | <u>(d)</u> | Have access to a water supply approved under law which can provide hot |
| 9 | | and cold running water; |
| 10 | <u>(e)</u> | Have adequate ventilation and heating facilities that conform to law and are |
| 11 | | maintained in good working order; |
| 12 | <u>(f)</u> | Have electrical lighting, with wiring and equipment that conform to law and |
| 13 | | are maintained in good working order; |
| 14 | <u>(g)</u> | Have reasonable measures in place to control the presence of rodents, |
| 15 | | bedbugs, and other vermin and to prevent exposure to unsafe levels of |
| 16 | | radon, lead paint, asbestos, toxic mold, and other hazardous substances; |
| 17 | <u>(h)</u> | To the extent the premises include a common area or other areas under the |
| 18 | | landlord's control, have reasonable measures in place to make the area: |
| 19 | | 1. Clean and sanitary; |
| 20 | | 2. Safe for normal and reasonably foreseeable use consistent with the |
| 21 | | lease and in good repair; and |
| 22 | | 3. Reasonably free of debris, filth, rubbish, garbage, and the items listed |
| 23 | | in paragraph (g) of this subsection; |
| 24 | <u>(i)</u> | Have an adequate number of appropriate receptacles in reasonably clean |
| 25 | | condition if the landlord is obligated to provide trash removal or recycling |
| 26 | | service by law or an agreement in a record signed by the landlord and |
| 27 | | tenant; |

| 1 | | (j) Have in good repair floors, doors, windows, walls, ceilings, stairways, and |
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| 2 | | railings; |
| 3 | | (k) Have in good repair other facilities and appliances supplied or required to |
| 4 | | be supplied by the landlord; |
| 5 | | (l) Have in good repair locks or other security devices on all exterior doors and |
| 6 | | on windows that open and close, including those of the dwelling unit and |
| 7 | | other parts of the premises; and |
| 8 | | (m) Have in good working order any safety equipment required by law. |
| 9 | <u>(2)</u> | A landlord has the duty to ensure the premises have access to essential services, |
| 10 | | but the lease may require an account with a utility provider of an essential service |
| 11 | | to the dwelling unit be in the name of the tenant and the tenant pay the periodic |
| 12 | | cost for the service. If the service is not provided because the tenant fails to pay |
| 13 | | for the service, the landlord does not fail to comply with this subsection. |
| 14 | <u>(3)</u> | If a sublessor is a landlord for purposes of Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, the |
| 15 | | sublessor has the duty to comply with subsection (1) of this section except for |
| 16 | | duties that would require the sublessor to access parts of the premises beyond the |
| 17 | | sublessor's control. |
| 18 | <u>(4)</u> | A landlord and tenant may agree that the tenant is to perform specified repairs, |
| 19 | | maintenance tasks, alterations, or remodeling only if: |
| 20 | | (a) The agreement is in a record, other than the lease, signed by the parties and |
| 21 | | supported by adequate consideration; |
| 22 | | (b) The work is not necessary to cure the landlord's noncompliance with |
| 23 | | subsection (1)(a) of this section; and |
| 24 | | (c) The agreement does not affect the obligation of the landlord to other |
| 25 | | tenants on the premises. |
| 26 | <u>(5)</u> | A landlord shall not treat performance of an agreement described in subsection |
| 27 | | (4) of this section as a condition to the performance of any obligation under the |

| 1 | lease or this section. |
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| 2 | →SECTION 17. KRS 383.600 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 3 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 4 | Except to the extent a landlord and tenant otherwise agree in a signed record, if the |
| 5 | landlord, in a good-faith sale to a bona fide purchaser, conveys premises that include a |
| 6 | dwelling unit subject to a lease, the following rules apply: |
| 7 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the landlord is |
| 8 | relieved of liability under the lease and Sections 1 to 61 of this Act as to an event |
| 9 | that occurs after the later of the conveyance to the purchaser or notice in a record |
| 10 | by the landlord to the tenant of the conveyance; and |
| 11 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 60 of this Act, the landlord remains |
| 12 | liable to the tenant for the amount of any security deposit and unearned rent. |
| 13 | →SECTION 18. KRS 383.610 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 14 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 15 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of Section 19 of this Act or as |
| 16 | required by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, a landlord may enforce a |
| 17 | rule of the landlord in existence at the time the lease commenced only if the rule |
| 18 | was disclosed to the tenant at or before commencement of the lease. |
| 19 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, after |
| 20 | commencement of the term of a lease, the landlord may adopt or modify a rule |
| 21 | concerning the tenant's use and enjoyment of the premises, but the rule or |
| 22 | modification shall not take effect earlier than thirty (30) days after the landlord |
| 23 | gives the tenant notice in a record of the rule or modification. |
| 24 | (3) In a periodic tenancy for month to month, a rule or modification adopted under |
| 25 | subsection (2) of this section shall not take effect before the expiration of the |
| 26 | period in subsection (2)(b) of Section 37 of this Act during which the tenant or |
| 27 | landlord could have exercised the right to terminate the tenancy. |

| 1 | <u>(4)</u> | In a tenancy for a fixed term, if a rule or modification adopted under subsection |
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| 2 | | (2) of this section substantially modifies the tenant's benefit of the bargain and is |
| 3 | | not required by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, the rule is not |
| 4 | | enforceable against the tenant unless the tenant consents in a signed record. |
| 5 | | → SECTION 19. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 6 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 7 | <u>(1)</u> | Before the commencement of the term of a lease, if the landlord fails to disclose a |
| 8 | | rule adopted by a person other than the landlord which substantially modifies the |
| 9 | | tenant's benefit of the bargain and is not required by law other than Sections 1 to |
| 10 | | 61 of this Act, and the rule is enforced against the tenant, the tenant may: |
| 11 | | (a) Recover actual damages from the landlord; or |
| 12 | | (b) Terminate the lease by giving the landlord notice in a record that the lease |
| 13 | | will terminate on a date specified in the notice which must be at least (30) |
| 14 | | days after the notice is given. |
| 15 | <u>(2)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, if, after the |
| 16 | | commencement of the term of a lease, a person other than the landlord adopts or |
| 17 | | modifies a rule that substantially modifies the tenant's benefit of the bargain and |
| 18 | | is not required by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act and the rule is |
| 19 | | enforced against the tenant, the tenant of a tenancy for a fixed term may |
| 20 | | terminate the lease by giving the landlord notice in a record that the lease will |
| 21 | | terminate on a date specified in the notice which must be at least thirty (30) days |
| 22 | | after the notice is given or, in the case of a periodic tenancy, terminate the |
| 23 | | tenancy in accordance with Section 37 of this Act. |
| 24 | <u>(3)</u> | A tenant shall not terminate a lease under subsection (2) of this subsection if the |
| 25 | | lease provides the dwelling unit is subject to rules of a person other than the |
| 26 | | landlord and the person may modify the rules after the commencement of the |
| 27 | | term of the lease. |

| 1 | → SECTION 20. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
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| 2 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 3 | Except as otherwise provided in Section 22 of this Act, if a landlord fails to comply with |
| 4 | the lease or Section 16 of this Act, the tenant has the remedies under Section 21 of this |
| 5 | Act if the tenant gives the landlord: |
| 6 | (1) Notice in a record of the noncompliance; and |
| 7 | (2) An opportunity to remedy the noncompliance within the following periods: |
| 8 | (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this section, not later than fourteen (14) days |
| 9 | after the tenant gave the notice; and |
| 10 | (b) If the noncompliance involves failure to provide an essential service or |
| 11 | materially interferes with the health or safety of the tenant or immediate |
| 12 | family member, the landlord shall remedy the noncompliance as soon as |
| 13 | practicable but not later than five (5) days after the tenant gave the notice. |
| 14 | →SECTION 21. KRS 383.635 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 15 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 16 | (1) Except as provided in Section 22 of this Act, if a landlord's noncompliance with |
| 17 | the lease or Section 16 of this Act results in the tenant not receiving an essential |
| 18 | service, materially interferes with the health or safety of the tenant or immediate |
| 19 | family member, or materially interferes with the use and enjoyment of the |
| 20 | premises by the tenant or immediate family member and the noncompliance is |
| 21 | not remedied during the applicable period specified in Section 20 of this Act, the |
| 22 | tenant may: |
| 23 | (a) Terminate the lease as provided in Section 23 of this Act; or |
| 24 | (b) Continue the lease and elect one (1) or more of the following remedies: |
| 25 | 1. Withhold rent for the period of noncompliance beginning on the date |
| 26 | the tenant gave notice under Section 20 of this Act; |
| 27 | 2. Recover actual damages; |

| 1 | 3. Obtain injunctive relief, specific performance, or other equitable |
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| 2 | <u>relief;</u> |
| 3 | 4. Make repairs and deduct the cost from the rent, as provided in Section |
| 4 | 25 of this Act; or |
| 5 | 5. Secure an essential service the landlord is obligated to provide or |
| 6 | comparable substitute housing during the period of noncompliance as |
| 7 | provided in Section 26 of this Act. |
| 8 | (2) If a landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act does not |
| 9 | materially interfere with the health or safety of the tenant or immediate family |
| 10 | member or the use and enjoyment of the premises by the tenant or immediate |
| 11 | family member, the tenant may elect one (1) or more of the remedies provided in |
| 12 | subsection $(1)(b)2., 3., or 4. of this section.$ |
| 13 | (3) A tenant is not entitled to a remedy under this section to the extent: |
| 14 | (a) The landlord's noncompliance was caused by an act or omission of the |
| 15 | tenant, immediate family member, or guest; or |
| 16 | (b) The tenant, immediate family member, or guest prevented the landlord from |
| 17 | having access to the dwelling unit to remedy the act or omission described |
| 18 | in the notice under Section 20 of this Act. |
| 19 | →SECTION 22. KRS 383.650 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 20 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 21 | (1) If a dwelling unit or other part of the premises is substantially damaged or |
| 22 | destroyed by a fire, other casualty, or natural disaster and: |
| 23 | (a) The unit or other part of the premises is uninhabitable or inaccessible or |
| 24 | continued occupancy of the unit is unlawful, the tenant may vacate the unit |
| 25 | immediately and, not later than fourteen (14) days after vacating the unit, |
| 26 | give the landlord notice in a record of the tenant's intent to terminate the |
| 27 | lease, in which case the lease terminates as of the date the tenant vacates |

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| 1 | | the unit; or |
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| 2 | | (b) If continued occupancy of the unit is lawful, subject to the landlord's right |
| 3 | | to terminate the lease under subsection (2) of this section, the tenant, after |
| 4 | | complying with Section 20 of this Act, may continue the lease and seek the |
| 5 | | remedies provided in subsection (1)(b)1., 2., 3., or 4. of Section 21 of this |
| 6 | | <u>Act.</u> |
| 7 | <u>(2)</u> | If a dwelling unit or other part of the premises is substantially damaged by a fire, |
| 8 | | other casualty, or natural disaster and continued occupancy of the unit is |
| 9 | | unlawful or dangerous or requires repairs that can be made only if the tenant |
| 10 | | vacates the unit, the landlord may terminate the lease by giving the tenant notice |
| 11 | | in a record that the lease will terminate on a specified date, which must be at least |
| 12 | | five (5) days after the notice is given. |
| 13 | <u>(3)</u> | If a landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act materially |
| 14 | | interferes with the health or safety of a tenant or immediate family member or the |
| 15 | | use and enjoyment of the premises by the tenant or immediate family member and |
| 16 | | it is impossible for the landlord to remedy the noncompliance within the |
| 17 | | applicable period specified in Section 20 of this Act, the tenant may terminate the |
| 18 | | lease as provided in subsection (2) of Section 23 of this Act or, subject to |
| 19 | | subsection (4) of this section, continue the lease and recover actual damages |
| 20 | | limited to diminution in the value of the dwelling unit. |
| 21 | <u>(4)</u> | If a landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act materially |
| 22 | | interferes with the health or safety of a tenant or immediate family member or the |
| 23 | | use and enjoyment of the premises by the tenant or immediate family member and |
| 24 | | it is impossible for the landlord to remedy the noncompliance not later than (30) |
| 25 | | days after receiving the notice under Section 20 of this Act, the landlord may |
| 26 | | terminate the lease by giving the tenant notice in a record that the lease will |
| 27 | | terminate on a specified date, which must be at least thirty (30) days after the |

| 1 | landlord gives the notice. The landlord shall not rent the unit for ninety (90) days |
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| 2 | after termination of the lease. |
| 3 | (5) If a lease is terminated under this section, the landlord shall return any security |
| 4 | deposit and unearned rent to which the tenant is entitled under Section 59 of this |
| 5 | Act. |
| 6 | (6) This section does not preclude: |
| 7 | (a) A landlord from seeking actual damages from the tenant under law other |
| 8 | than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act for damage to the premises caused by an |
| 9 | act or omission of the tenant, immediate family member, or guest; or |
| 10 | (b) A tenant from seeking actual damages from the landlord under law other |
| 11 | than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act if the fire or other casualty was caused by |
| 12 | an act or omission of the landlord or landlord's agent. |
| 13 | →SECTION 23. KRS 383.625 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 14 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 15 | (1) If a landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act materially |
| 16 | interferes with the health or safety of the tenant or immediate family member and |
| 17 | the noncompliance is not remedied within the period specified in subsection |
| 18 | (2)(b) of Section 20 of this Act, the tenant may terminate the lease by giving the |
| 19 | landlord notice in a record of the tenant's intent to terminate the lease |
| 20 | immediately or on a specified date, which is not later than thirty (30) days after |
| 21 | the date of the notice. |
| 22 | (2) If a landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act materially |
| 23 | interferes with the use and enjoyment of the premises unrelated to the health or |
| 24 | safety of the tenant or immediate family member and the noncompliance is not |
| 25 | remedied within the period specified in subsection (2)(a) of Section 20 of this Act, |
| 26 | the tenant may terminate the lease by giving the landlord notice in a record of the |
| 27 | tenant's intent to terminate the lease on a specified date, which must be at least |

| 1 | fourteen (14) days after the expiration of the period allowed under Section 20 of |
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| 2 | this Act for the remedy of the noncompliance. |
| 3 | (3) In addition to terminating a lease as provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this |
| 4 | section, the tenant may recover actual damages. |
| 5 | (4) If a tenant terminates a lease under this section, the landlord shall return any |
| 6 | security deposit and unearned rent to which the tenant is entitled under Section |
| 7 | 59 of this Act. |
| 8 | →SECTION 24. KRS 383.630 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 9 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 10 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, if a landlord does |
| 11 | not deliver physical possession of the dwelling unit to the tenant under Section 15 |
| 12 | of this Act, the tenant is not required to pay rent until possession is delivered and |
| 13 | <u>may:</u> |
| 14 | (a) Terminate the lease by giving notice in a record to the landlord at any time |
| 15 | before the landlord delivers possession of the unit to the tenant; or |
| 16 | (b) Demand performance of the lease by the landlord and: |
| 17 | 1. Recover actual damages and obtain possession of the unit from the |
| 18 | <u>landlord; or</u> |
| 19 | 2. Obtain possession of the unit from any person wrongfully in |
| 20 | possession by any lawful means the landlord could have used. |
| 21 | (2) If a tenant terminates the lease under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the |
| 22 | landlord shall return any amounts received from the tenant before the |
| 23 | commencement of the term of the lease. |
| 24 | (3) In addition to the rights of a tenant under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, |
| 25 | if a landlord's failure to deliver possession to the tenant under Section 15 of this |
| 26 | Act is willful, the tenant may recover three (3) times the periodic rent or three (3) |
| 27 | times the actual damages, whichever is greater. |

| 1 | <u>(4)</u> | If a tenant seeks possession under subsection (1)(b)2. of this section, the tenant is |
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| 2 | | liable to the landlord for rent and may recover from the person wrongfully in |
| 3 | | possession the damages provided in Section 38 of this Act. |
| 4 | | →SECTION 25. KRS 383.640 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 5 | SEC | CTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 6 | <u>(1)</u> | Subject to subsection (4) of this section, if a landlord fails to comply with the |
| 7 | | lease or Section 16 of this Act, the tenant may give notice to the landlord under |
| 8 | | Section 20 of this Act specifying the noncompliance. If the landlord fails to |
| 9 | | remedy the noncompliance within the applicable period specified in Section 20 of |
| 10 | | this Act and the reasonable cost to remedy the noncompliance does not exceed |
| 11 | | one (1) month's periodic rent, the tenant may make repairs to remedy the |
| 12 | | noncompliance at the landlord's expense. |
| 13 | <u>(2)</u> | A tenant that makes repairs under subsection (1) of this section is entitled to |
| 14 | | recover the actual and reasonable cost incurred or the reasonable value of the |
| 15 | | work performed to remedy the noncompliance, not exceeding one (1) month's |
| 16 | | periodic rent. Unless the tenant has been reimbursed by the landlord, the tenant |
| 17 | | may deduct the cost or value from rent after submitting to the landlord an |
| 18 | | itemized statement, accompanied by receipts for purchased items and services. |
| 19 | <u>(3)</u> | A repair under subsection (1) of this section must be made in a professional |
| 20 | | manner and in compliance with applicable law. |
| 21 | <u>(4)</u> | A tenant may not repair a noncompliance at the landlord's expense under |
| 22 | | subsection (1) of this section to the extent: |
| 23 | | (a) The noncompliance was caused by an act or omission of the tenant, |
| 24 | | immediate family member, or guest; or |
| 25 | | (b) The landlord was unable to remedy the noncompliance within the |
| 26 | | applicable period specified in Section 20 of this Act because the tenant, |
| 27 | | immediate family member, or guest denied the landlord access to the |

| 1 | | dwelling unit. |
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| 2 | <u>(5)</u> | A tenant's use of the remedy under this section is limited to one (1) month's |
| 3 | | periodic rent during any twelve (12) month period. |
| 4 | | → SECTION 26. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 5 | REA | D AS FOLLOWS: |
| 6 | <u>(1)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in Section 22 of this Act, if a tenant fails to receive |
| 7 | | an essential service the landlord has a duty to provide under subsection (2) of |
| 8 | | Section 16 of this Act, the tenant may give notice to the landlord under Section 20 |
| 9 | | of this Act specifying the failure. If the landlord fails to provide the essential |
| 10 | | service within the applicable period specified in Section 20 of this Act, the tenant |
| 11 | | may: |
| 12 | | (a) Take appropriate measures to secure the essential service during the period |
| 13 | | of the landlord's noncompliance and deduct the actual and reasonable cost |
| 14 | | from the rent; or |
| 15 | | (b) Procure comparable substitute housing at the landlord's expense during the |
| 16 | | period of the noncompliance and recover actual damages. |
| 17 | <u>(2)</u> | This section does not apply if the tenant's failure to receive the essential service |
| 18 | | was caused by an act or omission of the tenant, immediate family member, or |
| 19 | | guest. |
| 20 | | →SECTION 27. KRS 383.645 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 21 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 22 | <u>(1)</u> | If a landlord fails to comply with the lease or Section 16 of this Act and the tenant |
| 23 | | has complied with Section 20 of this Act, the tenant may defend an action by the |
| 24 | | landlord based on nonpayment of rent on the ground that no rent was due |
| 25 | | because of the noncompliance and counterclaim for any amount the tenant may |
| 26 | | recover under the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 27 | (2) | If a tenant is in possession of the dwelling unit when the landlord files an action |

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| 1 | | based on nonpayment of rent, either party may seek a court order directing the |
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| 2 | | tenant to pay all or part of the unpaid rent and all additional rent as it accrues |
| 3 | | into an escrow account with the court or a bank or other entity authorized by the |
| 4 | | court to hold funds in escrow. |
| 5 | <u>(3)</u> | If rent has been paid into escrow under this section and the court determines the |
| 6 | | landlord fully complied with the lease and Section 16 of this Act, the court shall |
| 7 | | order the immediate release to the landlord of rent held in escrow and enter |
| 8 | | judgment for any remaining rent owed. |
| 9 | <u>(4)</u> | If rent has been paid into escrow under this section and the court determines that |
| 10 | | the landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act materially |
| 11 | | interferes with the health or safety of a tenant or an immediate family member or |
| 12 | | the use and enjoyment of the premises by the tenant or an immediate family |
| 13 | | member, the court may order one (1) or more of the following: |
| 14 | | (a) Release to the landlord of all or part of the rent held in escrow to be used |
| 15 | | only to bring the premises into compliance with the lease or Section 16 of |
| 16 | | this Act; |
| 17 | | (b) Return to the tenant of all or part of the rent held in escrow in |
| 18 | | compensation for: |
| 19 | | 1. A repair made by the tenant in compliance with Section 25 of this Act; |
| 20 | | <u>or</u> |
| 21 | | 2. Actual damages; |
| 22 | | (c) The tenant's continued payment of rent into escrow as rent becomes due or |
| 23 | | abatement of future rent until the landlord brings the premises into |
| 24 | | compliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act; and |
| 25 | | (d) Payment to the landlord of any rent held in escrow not otherwise payable to |
| 26 | | the tenant. |
| 27 | <u>(5)</u> | If rent has not been paid into escrow under this section and the court determines |

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| 1 | | that the landlord complied with the lease and Section 16 of this Act, the court |
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| 2 | | shall render judgment for unpaid rent. |
| 3 | <u>(6)</u> | If rent has not been paid into escrow under this section and the court determines |
| 4 | | that the landlord's noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 of this Act |
| 5 | | materially interferes with the health or safety of a tenant or immediate family |
| 6 | | member or the use and enjoyment of the premises by the tenant or an immediate |
| 7 | | family member, the court shall render judgment for unpaid rent less any amount |
| 8 | | expended by the tenant in compliance with Section 25 of this Act to repair the |
| 9 | | premises and actual damages. |
| 10 | <u>(7)</u> | In addition to the other remedies provided in this section, the court may award |
| 11 | | possession or other appropriate relief if the court determines the tenant: |
| 12 | | (a) Acted in bad faith in withholding rent; or |
| 13 | | (b) Failed to comply with an order to pay rent into escrow under subsection (2) |
| 14 | | of this section or to pay rent or other amounts owed to the landlord under |
| 15 | | this section. |
| 16 | <u>(8)</u> | The court shall not award possession if the court determines that the tenant |
| 17 | | withheld rent in good faith and the tenant complies with an order to pay unpaid |
| 18 | | rent into escrow or to the landlord under this section. |
| 19 | | →SECTION 28. KRS 383.655 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 20 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 21 | <u>(1)</u> | If a landlord unlawfully removes or excludes the tenant from the premises or |
| 22 | | willfully interrupts or causes the interruption of an essential service the landlord |
| 23 | | has the duty to provide to the tenant, the tenant may recover three (3) times the |
| 24 | | periodic rent or three (3) times the damages, whichever is greater, and: |
| 25 | | (a) Recover possession; or |
| 26 | | (b) Terminate the lease by giving the landlord notice in a record of the tenant's |
| 27 | | intent to terminate the lease immediately or on a later specified date. |

| 1 | (2) If a tenant terminates the lease under subsection (1)(b) of the | is section, the |
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| 2 | landlord shall return any security deposit and unearned rent to wh | <u>iich the tenant</u> |
| 3 | is entitled under Section 59 of this Act. | |
| 4 | → SECTION 29. KRS 383.605 IS REPEALED AND REENACTE | D AS A NEW |
| 5 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: | |
| 6 | (1) In this section, "normal wear and tear" means deterioration that re | esults from the |
| 7 | intended use of a dwelling unit, including breakage or malfunction | ı due to age or |
| 8 | deteriorated condition. The term does not include deterioration the | at results from |
| 9 | negligence, carelessness, accident, or abuse of the unit, fixtures, | equipment, or |
| 10 | other tangible personal property by the tenant, immediate fami | <u>ly member, or</u> |
| 11 | guest. | |
| 12 | (2) A tenant: | |
| 13 | (a) Shall comply with the obligations imposed on the tenant by | the lease and |
| 14 | Sections 1 to 61 this Act; | |
| 15 | (b) Shall comply with the obligations imposed on a tenant by | any building, |
| 16 | housing, fire, or health code or other law; | |
| 17 | (c) Except with respect to duties imposed on the landlord by the | lease, Sections |
| 18 | 1 to 61 this Act, or other law, shall keep the dwelling unit r | easonably safe |
| 19 | and sanitary; | |
| 20 | (d) Shall remove all garbage, rubbish, and other debris from the | unit in a clean |
| 21 | and safe manner; | |
| 22 | (e) Shall keep all plumbing fixtures in the unit reasonably clean; | |
| 23 | (f) Shall use in a reasonable manner all electrical, plum | <u>bing, heating,</u> |
| 24 | ventilating, and air-conditioning system and other facilities of | ınd appliances |
| 25 | on the premises; | |
| 26 | (g) Without the landlord's consent, shall not intentionally or negl | igently: |
| 27 | 1. Destroy, deface, damage, impair, remove, or render in | ioperative any |

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| 1 | | part of the premises; |
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| 2 | | 2. Destroy, deface, damage, impair, remove, or render inoperative any |
| 3 | | safety equipment on the premises; or |
| 4 | | 3. Permit an immediate family member or guest to do any of the acts |
| 5 | | specified in this paragraph; |
| 6 | <u>(h)</u> | May not disturb the use and enjoyment of the premises by another tenant or |
| 7 | | permit an immediate family member or guest to do the same; |
| 8 | <u>(i)</u> | May not engage in or permit an immediate family member or guest to |
| 9 | | engage in criminal activity; |
| 10 | <u>(j)</u> | Shall notify the landlord within a reasonable time of any condition of the |
| 11 | | premises which requires repair by the landlord under the lease or Section |
| 12 | | 16 of this Act; |
| 13 | <u>(k)</u> | Shall return the dwelling unit to the landlord at the termination of the lease |
| 14 | | in the same condition as it was at the commencement of the term of the |
| 15 | | lease, with the premises free of any damage caused by the tenant, immediate |
| 16 | | family member, or guest, except for: |
| 17 | | 1. Normal wear and tear; |
| 18 | | 2. Damage resulting from a cause beyond the control of the tenant, |
| 19 | | immediate family member, or guest; and |
| 20 | | 3. Any addition and improvement installed on the premises with the |
| 21 | | landlord's consent; and |
| 22 | <u>(l)</u> | Unless the landlord and tenant otherwise agree, shall use the dwelling unit |
| 23 | | only for residential purposes. |
| 24 | → S: | ECTION 30. KRS 383.660 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 25 | SECTION | OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 26 | (1) Exce | ept as otherwise provided by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act and |
| 27 | suhi | ect to subsection (2) of this section: |

| 1 | <u>(a)</u> | A landlord may terminate a lease for nonpayment of rent when the rent is |
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| 2 | | unpaid when due by giving the tenant notice in a record stating that if the |
| 3 | | rent remains unpaid fourteen (14) days after the notice is given, the lease |
| 4 | | shall terminate on expiration of the fourteen (14) day period or a later |
| 5 | | specified date; or |
| 6 | <u>(b)</u> | If there is a material noncompliance with a lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this |
| 7 | | Act by the tenant, other than nonpayment of rent, the landlord may give the |
| 8 | | tenant notice in a record specifying the act or omission constituting the |
| 9 | | noncompliance and stating that if the noncompliance is not remedied not |
| 10 | | later than fourteen (14) days after the landlord gives the notice, the lease |
| 11 | | shall terminate on a specified date which must be at least thirty (30) days |
| 12 | | after the landlord gives the notice. |
| 13 | (2) A | landlord may terminate the lease without giving the tenant an opportunity to |
| 14 | <u>rei</u> | nedy a noncompliance by giving the tenant the notice described in subsection |
| 15 | <u>(3)</u> | of this section if: |
| 16 | <u>(a)</u> | The tenant failed to pay rent in a timely manner on at least two (2) |
| 17 | | occasions within the four (4) month period preceding the notice to terminate |
| 18 | | the lease; |
| 19 | <u>(b)</u> | The tenant committed substantially the same act or omission for which |
| 20 | | notice under subsection (1)(b) of this section was given within six (6) |
| 21 | | months preceding the latest noncompliance; |
| 22 | <u>(c)</u> | The noncompliance by the tenant, immediate family member, or guest poses |
| 23 | | an actual and imminent threat to the health or safety of any individual on |
| 24 | | the premises or the landlord or landlord's agent; or |
| 25 | <u>(d)</u> | Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the tenant, immediate family |
| 26 | | member, or guest has committed a criminal act. |
| 27 | (3) No | otice in a record terminating a lease under subsection (2) of this section must |

| 1 | specify the reason for the termination and state that: |
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| 2 | (a) For a termination under subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this section, the lease |
| 3 | shall terminate on a specified date, which must be at least fourteen (14) |
| 4 | days after the landlord gave the notice; or |
| 5 | (b) For a termination under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this section, the lease |
| 6 | shall terminate immediately or on a later specified date. |
| 7 | (4) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, if a tenant fails to |
| 8 | comply with Section 29 of this Act, the landlord may: |
| 9 | (a) Obtain injunctive relief or specific performance; or |
| 10 | (b) Regardless of whether the lease terminates as a result of the tenant's |
| 11 | noncompliance, recover actual damages or liquidated damages as provided |
| 12 | by the lease. |
| 13 | (5) A landlord shall not terminate a lease under subsection (2)(d) of this section if |
| 14 | the criminal act was the act of an immediate family member or guest, and the |
| 15 | <u>tenant:</u> |
| 16 | (a) Neither knew nor should have known the act was going to be committed; |
| 17 | <u>and</u> |
| 18 | (b) Took reasonable steps to ensure that there will not be a repeated criminal |
| 19 | act on the premises by the immediate family member or guest. |
| 20 | →SECTION 31. KRS 383.675 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 21 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 22 | (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, acceptance by a landlord of rent for two |
| 23 | (2) or more successive rental periods with knowledge of noncompliance by the |
| 24 | tenant with the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or acceptance by the landlord |
| 25 | of the tenant's performance that varies from the terms of the lease or Sections 1 |
| 26 | to 61 of this Act is a waiver of the landlord's right to terminate the lease for the |
| 2.7 | noncompliance, unless the landlord and tenant otherwise goree after the |

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| 1 | | noncompliance occurs. |
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| 2 | <u>(2)</u> | This section does not prevent a landlord or tenant from exercising a right under |
| 3 | | Section 37 of this Act to terminate a periodic tenancy. |
| 4 | | →SECTION 32. KRS 383.680 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 5 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 6 | <u>(1)</u> | Distraint for rent is abolished. |
| 7 | <u>(2)</u> | A landlord shall not create, perfect, or enforce a lien or security interest on a |
| 8 | | tenant's tangible personal property to secure the tenant's performance under the |
| 9 | | lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. This subsection does not apply to a lien or |
| 10 | | security interest created or perfected before the effective date of this Act. |
| 11 | | → SECTION 33. KRS 383.670 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 12 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 13 | <u>(1)</u> | In this section, "reasonable efforts" means steps a landlord would take to rent a |
| 14 | | dwelling unit if the unit is vacated at the end of a term, including showing the |
| 15 | | unit to a prospective tenant or advertising the availability of the unit. |
| 16 | <u>(2)</u> | A tenant abandons a dwelling unit if: |
| 17 | | (a) The tenant delivers possession of the unit to the landlord before the end of |
| 18 | | the term by returning the keys or other means of access or otherwise notifies |
| 19 | | the landlord the unit has been vacated; or |
| 20 | | (b) Rent that is due was not paid for at least five (5) days and the tenant has: |
| 21 | | 1. Vacated the unit by removing substantially all of the tenant's personal |
| 22 | | property from the unit and the premises; and |
| 23 | | 2. Caused the termination of an essential service or otherwise indicated |
| 24 | | by words or conduct that the tenant has no intention to return to the |
| 25 | | <u>unit.</u> |
| 26 | <u>(3)</u> | If a tenant abandons the dwelling unit before the end of the term of the lease, the |
| 27 | | landlord may recover possession of the unit without a court order and may: |

| 1 | | (a) Accept the tenant's abandonment of the unit by notice in a record given to |
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| 2 | | the tenant, in which case: |
| 3 | | 1. The lease terminates on the date of abandonment; |
| 4 | | 2. The landlord and tenant are liable to each other under the lease only |
| 5 | | for a noncompliance with the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act |
| 6 | | which occurred before the lease terminates; and |
| 7 | | 3. The landlord shall return any security deposit and unearned rent to |
| 8 | | which the tenant is entitled under Section 59 of this Act; or |
| 9 | | (b) Treat the abandonment as wrongful. |
| 10 | <u>(4)</u> | If a landlord treats abandonment of a dwelling unit as wrongful under subsection |
| 11 | | (3)(b) of this section, the tenant remains liable under the lease and the landlord |
| 12 | | has a duty to mitigate by making a reasonable effort to rent the unit, subject to |
| 13 | | the following rules: |
| 14 | | (a) The landlord's duty to mitigate does not take priority over the landlord's |
| 15 | | right to lease first any other dwelling unit the landlord has available to |
| 16 | | <u>lease;</u> |
| 17 | | (b) If the landlord leases the abandoned unit to another person for a term |
| 18 | | beginning before the expiration of the term of the lease of the abandoning |
| 19 | | tenant, the lease terminates as of the date of the new tenancy and the |
| 20 | | landlord may recover actual damages from the abandoning tenant; |
| 21 | | (c) If the landlord makes a reasonable effort to lease the abandoning tenant's |
| 22 | | unit but is unable to lease it or is able to lease it only for an amount less |
| 23 | | than the rent payable by the abandoning tenant, the landlord may recover |
| 24 | | actual damages from the abandoning tenant; |
| 25 | | (d) If the landlord fails to make a reasonable effort to lease the abandoning |
| 26 | | tenant's unit, the lease terminates as of the date of abandonment, and the |
| 27 | | landlord and tenant are liable to each other under the lease or Sections 1 to |

| 1 | 61 of this Act only for a noncompliance with the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of |
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| 2 | this Act which occurred before the date of abandonment; and |
| 3 | (e) After deducting the landlord's actual damages, the landlord shall return |
| 4 | any security deposit and unearned rent to which the tenant is entitled under |
| 5 | Section 59 of this Act. |
| 6 | →SECTION 34. KRS 383.690 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 7 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 8 | Except as otherwise provided in Section 33 of this Act, a landlord: |
| 9 | (1) May not recover or take possession of a dwelling unit by an act of self-help, |
| 10 | including willful interruption or causing the willful interruption of an essential |
| 11 | service to the unit; and |
| 12 | (2) May recover possession of a dwelling unit following termination of a lease only |
| 13 | through an action permitted by law other than Sections 1 to 61 this Act. |
| 14 | →SECTION 35. KRS 383.615 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 15 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 16 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a landlord may not enter a dwelling |
| 17 | unit unless: |
| 18 | (a) Entry is permitted by the lease or the tenant otherwise agrees; |
| 19 | (b) Entry is under a court order; |
| 20 | (c) The tenant has abandoned the unit under Section 33 of this Act; or |
| 21 | (d) Permitted by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 22 | (2) A tenant shall not unreasonably withhold consent for the landlord to enter the |
| 23 | dwelling unit to: |
| 24 | (a) Inspect the unit; |
| 25 | (b) Make a necessary or agreed-to repair, alteration, or improvement; |
| 26 | (c) Supply a necessary or agreed-to service; or |
| 27 | (d) Exhibit the unit to a prospective or actual purchaser, mortgagee, tenant, |

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| 1 | | worker, or contractor or a public official responsible for enforcing a |
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| 2 | | building, housing, fire, or health code or other law. |
| 3 | <u>(3)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) or (5) of this section, a landlord |
| 4 | | may enter a dwelling unit only at a reasonable time and with the tenant's consent |
| 5 | | and shall give the tenant at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the intent to |
| 6 | | enter the unit. |
| 7 | <u>(4)</u> | For routine maintenance or pest control, a landlord may enter the dwelling unit |
| 8 | | without the tenant's consent if the landlord gives the tenant: |
| 9 | | (a) At least seventy-two (72) hours' notice of the intent to enter the unit; or |
| 10 | | (b) A fixed schedule for maintenance or pest control at least seventy-two (72) |
| 11 | | hours before the first scheduled entry into the unit. |
| 12 | <u>(5)</u> | In an emergency or when maintenance or repairs are being made at a tenant's |
| 13 | | request, the landlord may enter the dwelling unit without the tenant's consent if |
| 14 | | the landlord gives notice that is reasonable under the circumstances. If the |
| 15 | | landlord enters the unit when the tenant is not present and notice was not given, |
| 16 | | the landlord shall leave notice of the entry in a conspicuous place in the unit |
| 17 | | stating the fact of entry, the date and time of entry, and the reason for the entry. |
| 18 | <u>(6)</u> | When notice is given under this section before the landlord enters the unit, the |
| 19 | | notice must state the intended purpose for the entry and the date and a |
| 20 | | reasonable period during which the landlord anticipates making the entry. |
| 21 | <u>(7)</u> | A landlord shall not abuse the right under this section to enter a tenant's |
| 22 | | dwelling unit or use the right to harass the tenant. |
| 23 | | →SECTION 36. KRS 383.700 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 24 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 25 | <u>(1)</u> | If a tenant unreasonably refuses to allow the landlord access to the dwelling unit, |
| 26 | | the landlord may recover actual damages or one (1) month's periodic rent, |
| 27 | | whichever is greater, and: |

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| 1 | (a) The court may compel the tenant to grant the landlord access to the unit; or |
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| 2 | (b) The landlord may terminate the lease by giving the tenant notice in a record |
| 3 | stating that if the tenant fails to grant the landlord access to the unit not |
| 4 | later than fourteen (14) days after the notice, the lease shall terminate on |
| 5 | expiration of the fourteen (14) day period or on a later specified date. |
| 6 | (2) If a landlord unlawfully enters a tenant's dwelling unit, lawfully enters but in an |
| 7 | unreasonable manner, or makes repeated demands to enter that are otherwise |
| 8 | lawful but have the effect of harassing the tenant, the tenant may recover actual |
| 9 | damages or one (1) month's periodic rent, whichever is greater, and: |
| 10 | (a) Seek injunctive relief to prevent the recurrence of the conduct; or |
| 11 | (b) Terminate the lease by giving the landlord notice in a record that the lease |
| 12 | shall terminate immediately or on a later specified date which is not later |
| 13 | than thirty (30) days after notice is given. |
| 14 | →SECTION 37. KRS 383.695 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 15 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 16 | (1) A periodic tenancy continues until the landlord or tenant gives the other the |
| 17 | notice under subsection (2) of this section. |
| 18 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, a landlord or tenant |
| 19 | may terminate a periodic tenancy: |
| 20 | (a) For week to week, by giving the other at least five (5) days' notice in a |
| 21 | record of the party's intent to terminate the tenancy on a specified date; and |
| 22 | (b) For month to month, by giving the other at least one (1) month's notice in a |
| 23 | record of the party's intent to terminate the tenancy at the end of the |
| 24 | monthly period. |
| 25 | →SECTION 38. KRS 383.685 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 26 | SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 27 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section and subsection |

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| I | | (1)(b)2. of Section 24 of this Act, if a tenant remains in possession without the |
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| 2 | | landlord's consent after expiration of a tenancy for a fixed term or termination of |
| 3 | | a periodic tenancy, the landlord may bring an action for possession. If the |
| 4 | | tenant's holdover is willful, the landlord may recover three (3) times the periodic |
| 5 | | rent or three (3) times the actual damages, whichever is greater. |
| 6 | <u>(2)</u> | Unless a landlord and tenant otherwise agree in a record, if the tenant remains in |
| 7 | | possession with the landlord's consent after expiration of a tenancy for a fixed |
| 8 | | term, a periodic tenancy for month to month arises under the same terms as the |
| 9 | | expired lease. |
| 10 | | → SECTION 39. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 11 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 12 | <u>(1)</u> | If a sole tenant under a lease dies before the end of a tenancy for a fixed term or |
| 13 | | a periodic tenancy, the tenant's surviving spouse, partner in a civil union, or |
| 14 | | domestic partner who resides in the dwelling unit may assume the lease by giving |
| 15 | | the landlord notice in a record not later than twenty (20) days after the tenant's |
| 16 | | death stating the intent of the spouse or partner to assume the lease. On assuming |
| 17 | | the lease, the spouse or partner becomes the tenant under the lease. |
| 18 | <u>(2)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in this section or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of |
| 19 | | this Act, a landlord or tenant representative may terminate the lease of a deceased |
| 20 | | tenant by giving to the other and to a surviving spouse, partner in a civil union, |
| 21 | | or domestic partner of the tenant who resides in the dwelling unit notice in a |
| 22 | | record. The notice must state the lease shall terminate on a specified date, which |
| 23 | | must be at least thirty (30) days after the notice in the case of a tenancy for a |
| 24 | | fixed term or a specified date consistent with subsection (2) of Section 37 of this |
| 25 | | Act in the case of a periodic tenancy. Notice sent to a surviving spouse or partner |
| 26 | | must also state that the surviving spouse or partner has twenty (20) days after |
| 27 | | receipt of the notice to assume the lease. If the spouse or partner assumes the |

| 1 | | lease, the spouse or partner becomes the tenant under the lease. |
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| 2 | <u>(3)</u> | If a deceased tenant is survived by a spouse, partner in a civil union, or domestic |
| 3 | | partner who resides in the dwelling unit, notice to terminate a lease under |
| 4 | | subsection (2) of this section shall not be given before the time specified in |
| 5 | | subsection (1) of this section expires. |
| 6 | <u>(4)</u> | If a landlord is unable to contact a deceased tenant's surviving spouse, partner in |
| 7 | | a civil union, or domestic partner who resides in the dwelling unit or tenant |
| 8 | | representative for the purpose of terminating the lease under subsection (2) of |
| 9 | | this section, the landlord may terminate the lease without notice if rent that was |
| 10 | | due was not paid for at least twenty-five (25) days. |
| 11 | | → SECTION 40. KRS 383.705 IS REPEALED AND REENACTED AS A NEW |
| 12 | SEC | TION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 13 | <u>(1)</u> | A landlord may not engage in conduct described in subsection (2) of this section |
| 14 | | if the landlord's purpose is to retaliate against a tenant that: |
| 15 | | (a) Complained to a governmental agency responsible for enforcement of a |
| 16 | | building, housing, fire, or health code or other law, alleging a violation |
| 17 | | applicable to the premises materially affecting the health or safety of the |
| 18 | | tenant or immediate family member; |
| 19 | | (b) Complained to a governmental agency responsible for enforcement of laws |
| 20 | | prohibiting discrimination in rental housing; |
| 21 | | (c) Complained to the landlord of noncompliance with the lease or Section 16 |
| 22 | | of this Act; |
| 23 | | (d) Organized or became a member of a tenant's union or similar organization; |
| 24 | | (e) Exercised or attempted to exercise a right or remedy under the lease, |
| 25 | | Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, or law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act; or |
| 26 | | (f) Pursued an action or administrative remedy against the landlord or testified |
| 27 | | against the landlord in court or an administrative proceeding. |

| 1 | (2) Ca | onduct that may be retaliatory under subsection (1) of this section includes |
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| 2 | <u>do</u> | ing or threatening to do any of the following: |
| 3 | <u>(a</u> |) Increasing the rent or fees; |
| 4 | <u>(b</u> | Decreasing services, increasing the tenant's obligations, imposing different |
| 5 | | rules on, or selectively enforcing the landlord's rules against, the tenant or |
| 6 | | immediate family member, or otherwise materially altering the terms of the |
| 7 | | <u>lease;</u> |
| 8 | <u>(c</u> | Bringing an action for possession on a ground other than nonpayment of |
| 9 | | <u>rent;</u> |
| 10 | <u>(d</u> | Refusing to renew a tenancy for a fixed term under a lease containing a |
| 11 | | renewal option that is exercisable by the tenant without negotiation with the |
| 12 | | landlord, for any period after the lease would otherwise terminate; |
| 13 | <u>(e</u> | Terminating a periodic tenancy; or |
| 14 | <u>(f)</u> | Committing a criminal act against the tenant, immediate family member, or |
| 15 | | guest. |
| 16 | (3) A | landlord is not liable for retaliation under subsection (1) of this section if: |
| 17 | <u>(a</u> | The violation of which the tenant complained under subsection (1)(a) or (b) |
| 18 | | of this section was caused primarily by the tenant, immediate family |
| 19 | | member, or guest; |
| 20 | <u>(b</u> | The tenant's conduct described in subsection (1) of this section was in an |
| 21 | | unreasonable manner or at an unreasonable time or was repeated in a |
| 22 | | manner harassing the landlord; |
| 23 | <u>(c</u> | The tenant was in default in the payment of rent at the time notice of the |
| 24 | | action described in subsection (2)(c) of this section was sent; |
| 25 | <u>(d</u> | The tenant, immediate family member, or guest engaged in conduct that |
| 26 | | threatened the health or safety of another tenant on the premises; |
| 27 | (e | The tenant, immediate family member, or guest engaged in a criminal act; |

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| 1 | (f) The landlord is seeking to recover possession based on a notice to terminate |
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| 2 | the lease and the notice was given to the tenant before the tenant engaged in |
| 3 | conduct described in subsection (1) of this section; or |
| 4 | (g) The landlord is complying or complied with a building, housing, fire, or |
| 5 | health code or other law by making a required repair, alteration, |
| 6 | remodeling, or demolition that effectively deprives the tenant of the use and |
| 7 | enjoyment of the premises. |
| 8 | →SECTION 41. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 9 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 10 | (1) If a landlord's purpose for engaging in conduct described in subsection (2) of |
| 11 | Section 40 of this Act is to retaliate against the tenant for conduct described in |
| 12 | subsection (1) of Section 40 of this Act: |
| 13 | (a) The tenant has a defense against an action for possession, may recover |
| 14 | possession, or may terminate the lease; and |
| 15 | (b) The tenant may recover three (3) times the periodic rent or three (3) times |
| 16 | the actual damages, whichever is greater. |
| 17 | (2) If a tenant terminates a lease under subsection (1) of this section, the landlord |
| 18 | shall return any security deposit and unearned rent to which the tenant is entitled |
| 19 | under Section 59 of this Act. |
| 20 | (2) A tenant's exercise of a right under this section does not release the landlord |
| 21 | from liability under Section 21 of this Act. |
| 22 | → SECTION 42. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 23 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 24 | (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, evidence that a |
| 25 | tenant engaged in conduct described in subsection (1) of Section 40 of this Act |
| 26 | within six (6) months before the landlord's alleged retaliatory conduct creates a |
| 27 | rebuttable presumption that the purpose of the landlord's conduct was retaliation. |

| 1 | (2) A presumption does not arise under subsection (1) of this section if the tenant |
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| 2 | engaged in conduct described in subsection (1) of Section 40 of this Act after the |
| 3 | landlord gave the tenant notice of the landlord's intent to engage in conduct |
| 4 | described in subsection (2)(a) to (e) of Section 40 of this Act. |
| 5 | (3) A landlord may rebut a presumption under subsection (1) of this section by a |
| 6 | preponderance of evidence showing that the landlord had sufficient justification |
| 7 | for engaging in the conduct that created the presumption and would have |
| 8 | engaged in the conduct in the same manner and at the same time whether or not |
| 9 | the tenant engaged in conduct described in subsection (1) of Section 40 of this |
| 10 | <u>Act.</u> |
| 11 | → SECTION 43. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 12 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 13 | If a tenant engages in conduct described in subsection (1)(a) or (e) of Section 40 of this |
| 14 | Act knowing there is no factual or legal basis for the conduct, the landlord may recover |
| 15 | actual damages and the court may award the landlord up to three (3) times the periodic |
| 16 | <u>rent.</u> |
| 17 | →SECTION 44. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 18 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 19 | (1) For purposes of Sections 44 to 46 of this Act, possession of a dwelling unit is |
| 20 | relinguished to the landlord when: |
| 21 | (a) The tenant vacates the unit at the termination of the tenancy; or |
| 22 | (b) The tenant abandons the unit under Section 33 of this Act. |
| 23 | (2) If personal property remains on the premises after possession of a dwelling unit is |
| 24 | relinquished to the landlord and the landlord and tenant do not agree otherwise |
| 25 | at the time of relinquishment, the landlord shall: |
| 26 | (a) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, give the tenant notice in a record of |
| 27 | the tenant's right to retrieve the property; and |

| 1 | | (b) Leave the property in the unit or store the property on the premises or in |
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| 2 | | another place of safekeeping and exercise reasonable care in moving or |
| 3 | | storing the property. |
| 4 | <u>(3)</u> | The notice required by subsection (2)(a) of this section must be posted at the |
| 5 | | dwelling unit and: |
| 6 | | (a) Sent to any forwarding address the tenant provided to the landlord or an |
| 7 | | address provided under Section 8 of this Act or, if no address is provided, to |
| 8 | | the address of the unit; |
| 9 | | (b) Inform the tenant of the right to contact the landlord to claim the property |
| 10 | | within the period specified in subsection (4) of this section, subject to |
| 11 | | payment of the landlord's inventorying, moving, and storage costs; and |
| 12 | | (c) Provide a telephone number, electronic-mail address, or mailing address at |
| 13 | | which the landlord may be contacted. |
| 14 | <u>(4)</u> | If a tenant contacts the landlord to claim personal property not later than eight |
| 15 | | (8) days after the landlord gives notice under subsection (2)(a) of this section, the |
| 16 | | landlord shall permit the tenant to retrieve personal property not later than five |
| 17 | | (5) days after the date of contact or within a longer period to which the parties |
| 18 | | agree. |
| 19 | <u>(5)</u> | A landlord may require the tenant to pay reasonable inventorying, moving, and |
| 20 | | storage costs before retrieving personal property under subsection (4) of this |
| 21 | | section. |
| 22 | <u>(6)</u> | This section does not prohibit a landlord from immediately disposing of |
| 23 | | perishable food, hazardous material, garbage, and trash or transferring an |
| 24 | | animal to an animal control officer, humane society, or other person willing to |
| 25 | | care for the animal. |
| 26 | <u>(7)</u> | Unless a landlord and tenant otherwise agree, if the tenant fails to contact the |
| 27 | | landlord or retrieve personal property as provided in subsection (4) of this |

| 1 | section, the property is deemed abandoned and: |
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| 2 | (a) If a sale is economically feasible, the landlord shall sell the property and |
| 3 | after deducting the reasonable cost of inventorying, moving, storing, and |
| 4 | disposing of the property, shall treat the proceeds as part of the tenant's |
| 5 | security deposit; or |
| 6 | (b) If a sale is not economically feasible, the landlord may dispose of the |
| 7 | property in any manner the landlord considers appropriate. |
| 8 | (8) A landlord that complies with this section is not liable to the tenant or another |
| 9 | person for a claim arising from removal of personal property from the premises. |
| 10 | (9) A landlord that recovers possession of a dwelling unit under a court order is no |
| 11 | required to comply with this section. If a landlord that recovers possession under |
| 12 | a court order complies with this section, that landlord is not liable to the tenant of |
| 13 | another person for a claim arising from removal of personal property from the |
| 14 | premises. |
| 15 | →SECTION 45. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 16 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 17 | (1) If a landlord knows that a tenant who was the sole occupant of the dwelling uni |
| 18 | has died, the landlord: |
| 19 | (a) Shall notify a tenant representative of the death; |
| 20 | (b) Shall give the representative access to the premises at a reasonable time to |
| 21 | remove any personal property from the unit and other personal property of |
| 22 | the tenant elsewhere on the premises; |
| 23 | (c) May require the representative to prepare and sign an inventory of the |
| 24 | property being removed; and |
| 25 | (d) Shall pay the representative the deceased tenant's security deposit and |
| 26 | unearned rent to which the tenant otherwise would have been entitled under |
| 27 | Section 59 of this Act. |

| 1 | (2) A contact person or heir accepts appointment as a tenant representative by |
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| 2 | exercising authority under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act or other assertion or |
| 3 | conduct indicating acceptance. |
| 4 | (3) The authority of a contact person or heir to act under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act |
| 5 | terminates when the person, heir, or landlord knows that a personal |
| 6 | representative has been appointed for the deceased tenant's estate. |
| 7 | (4) A landlord that complies with this section is not liable to the tenant's estate or |
| 8 | another person for unearned rent, a security deposit, or a claim arising from |
| 9 | removal of personal property from the premises. |
| 10 | (5) A landlord that willfully violates subsection (1) of this section is liable to the |
| 11 | estate of the deceased tenant for actual damages. |
| 12 | (6) In addition to the rights provided in this section, a tenant representative has the |
| 13 | deceased tenant's rights and responsibilities under Section 44 of this Act. |
| 14 | → SECTION 46. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 15 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 16 | (1) If a landlord knows of the death of a tenant who, at the time of death, was the |
| 17 | sole occupant of the dwelling unit, and the landlord terminates the lease under |
| 18 | subsection (4) of Section 39 of this Act because the landlord is unable to contact a |
| 19 | tenant representative, the landlord: |
| 20 | (a) Shall mail notice to the tenant at the tenant's last-known address or other |
| 21 | address of the tenant known to the landlord and to any person the tenant |
| 22 | has told the landlord to contact in the case of an emergency stating: |
| 23 | 1. The name of the tenant and address of the dwelling unit; |
| 24 | 2. The approximate date of the tenant's death; |
| 25 | 3. That, if the personal property on the premises is not claimed within |
| 26 | sixty (60) days after the notice was sent, the property is subject to |
| 2.7 | disposal by the landlord: and |

| 1 | 4. The landlord's name, telephone number, and mail or electronic-mail |
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| 2 | address at which the landlord may be contacted to claim the property; |
| 3 | <u>and</u> |
| 4 | (b) With the exercise of reasonable care, may leave the property in the dwelling |
| 5 | unit or inventory the property and store it on the premises or in another |
| 6 | place of safekeeping. |
| 7 | (2) If a tenant representative is subsequently identified, the representative may |
| 8 | retrieve the deceased tenant's personal property from the landlord not later than |
| 9 | sixty (60) days after the notice under subsection (1) of this section. The landlord |
| 10 | may require the representative to pay the reasonable inventorying, moving, and |
| 11 | storage costs before retrieving the property. |
| 12 | (3) If a deceased tenant's personal property is not retrieved within the time specified |
| 13 | in subsection (2) of this section, the landlord may dispose of the property in |
| 14 | compliance with subsection (7) of Section 44 of this Act. |
| 15 | (4) A landlord that complies with this section is not liable to the tenant's estate or |
| 16 | another person for a claim arising from removal of personal property from the |
| 17 | premises. |
| 18 | →SECTION 47. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 19 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 20 | As used in Sections 47 to 55 of this Act: |
| 21 | (1) "Attesting third party" means a law enforcement official, licensed health care |
| 22 | professional, victim advocate, or victim-services provider; |
| 23 | (2) "Dating violence" has the same meaning as dating violence and abuse in KRS |
| 24 | <u>456.010;</u> |
| 25 | (3) "Domestic violence" has the same meaning as domestic violence and abuse in |
| 26 | <u>KRS 403.720;</u> |
| 27 | (4) ''Perpetrator'' means an individual who commits an act of domestic violence, |

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| 1 | | dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault on a tenant or immediate family |
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| 2 | | member; |
| 3 | <u>(5)</u> | "Sexual assault" means conduct prohibited as any degree of rape, sodomy, or |
| 4 | | sexual abuse under KRS Chapter 510 or incest under KRS 530.020; |
| 5 | <u>(6)</u> | "Stalking" has the same meaning as stalk in KRS 508.130(1)(a); |
| 6 | <u>(7)</u> | "Victim advocate" means an individual, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, |
| 7 | | who provides services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or |
| 8 | | sexual assault under the auspices or supervision of a victim-services provider, |
| 9 | | court, or law-enforcement or prosecution agency; and |
| 10 | <u>(8)</u> | "Victim-services provider" means a person that assists victims of domestic |
| 11 | | violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault. The term includes a rape |
| 12 | | crisis center, domestic violence shelter, or faith-based organization or other |
| 13 | | organization with a history of work concerning domestic violence, dating |
| 14 | | violence, stalking, or sexual assault. |
| 15 | | → SECTION 48. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 16 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 17 | <u>(1)</u> | Subject to subsection (5) of this section, if a victim of an act of domestic violence, |
| 18 | | dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault is a tenant or immediate family |
| 19 | | member and has a reasonable fear of suffering psychological harm or a further |
| 20 | | act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault if the victim |
| 21 | | continues to reside in the dwelling unit, the tenant, without the necessity of the |
| 22 | | landlord's consent, is released from the lease if the tenant gives the landlord a |
| 23 | | notice that complies with subsection (2) of this section and: |
| 24 | | (a) A copy of a court order that restrains a perpetrator from contact with the |
| 25 | | tenant or immediate family member; |
| 26 | | (b) Evidence of the conviction or adjudication of a perpetrator for an act of |
| 27 | | domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault against the |

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| 1 | | | tenant or immediate family member; or |
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| 2 | | <u>(c)</u> | A verification that complies with Section 50 of this Act. |
| 3 | <u>(2)</u> | To b | pe released from a lease under subsection (1) of this section, the tenant must |
| 4 | | give | the landlord notice in a record which: |
| 5 | | <u>(a)</u> | States the tenant's intent to be released from the lease on a date which must |
| 6 | | | be at least thirty (30) days from the date of the notice or, if the perpetrator is |
| 7 | | | a cotenant of the dwelling unit, an earlier date; |
| 8 | | <u>(b)</u> | States facts giving rise to the fear of psychological harm or suffering a |
| 9 | | | further act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault |
| 10 | | | if the victim continues to reside in the unit; and |
| 11 | | <u>(c)</u> | Is given to the landlord: |
| 12 | | | 1. Not later than ninety (90) days after an act of domestic violence, |
| 13 | | | dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault against the tenant or |
| 14 | | | immediate family member; |
| 15 | | | 2. When a court order exists that restrains a perpetrator from contact |
| 16 | | | with the tenant or immediate family member because of an act of |
| 17 | | | domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or |
| 18 | | | 3. If the perpetrator was incarcerated, not later than ninety (90) days |
| 19 | | | after the tenant acquired knowledge that the perpetrator is no longer |
| 20 | | | incarcerated. |
| 21 | <u>(3)</u> | If th | ere is only one (1) individual tenant of the dwelling unit: |
| 22 | | <u>(a)</u> | A release under subsection (1) of this section terminates the lease on the |
| 23 | | | date specified in the notice under subsection (2) of this section if the tenant |
| 24 | | | vacates the dwelling unit on or before that date; and |
| 25 | | <u>(b)</u> | The tenant is not liable for rent accruing after the lease terminates or other |
| 26 | | | actual damages resulting from termination of the lease, but the tenant |
| 27 | | | remains liable to the landlord for rent and other amounts owed to the |

| 1 | | landlord before termination of the lease. |
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| 2 | <u>(4)</u> | If there are multiple individual tenants of the dwelling unit: |
| 3 | | (a) The tenant who gave notice under subsection (2) of this section is released |
| 4 | | from the lease as of the date specified in the notice if the tenant vacates the |
| 5 | | dwelling unit on or before the specified date, but the release of one (1) |
| 6 | | tenant under this section does not terminate the lease with respect to other |
| 7 | | tenants; |
| 8 | | (b) The tenant released from the lease is not liable to the landlord or any other |
| 9 | | person for rent accruing after the tenant's release or actual damages |
| 10 | | resulting from the tenant's release; |
| 11 | | (c) Any other tenant under the lease may recover from the perpetrator actual |
| 12 | | damages resulting from the termination; and |
| 13 | | (d) The landlord is not required to return to the tenant released from the lease |
| 14 | | or a remaining tenant any security deposit or unearned rent to which the |
| 15 | | tenant is otherwise entitled under Section 59 of this Act until the lease |
| 16 | | terminates with respect to all tenants. |
| 17 | <u>(5)</u> | This section does not apply if a tenant seeking the release from the lease is a |
| 18 | | <u>perpetrator</u> . |
| 19 | | → SECTION 49. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 20 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 21 | <u>If a</u> | tenant is released from a lease under Section 48 of this Act, the landlord: |
| 22 | <u>(1)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4)(d) of Section 48 of this Act, shall |
| 23 | | return any security deposit and unearned rent to which the tenant is entitled |
| 24 | | under Section 59 of this Act after the tenant vacates the dwelling unit; |
| 25 | <u>(2)</u> | May not assess a fee or penalty against the tenant for exercising a right granted |
| 26 | | under Section 48 of this Act; and |
| 27 | (3) | May not disclose information required to be reported to the landlord under |

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| 1 | Section 48 of this Act unless: |
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| 2 | (a) The tenant provides specific, time-limited, and contemporaneous consent to |
| 3 | the disclosure in a record signed by the tenant; or |
| 4 | (b) The information is required to be disclosed by a court order or law other |
| 5 | than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 6 | →SECTION 50. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 7 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 8 | (1) A verification given by a tenant under subsection (1)(c) of Section 48 of this Act |
| 9 | shall be under oath and include: |
| 10 | (a) From the tenant: |
| 11 | 1. The tenant's name and the address of the dwelling unit; |
| 12 | 2. The approximate dates on which an act of domestic violence, dating |
| 13 | violence, stalking, or sexual assault occurred; |
| 14 | 3. The approximate date of the most recent act of domestic violence, |
| 15 | dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; |
| 16 | 4. A statement that because of an act of domestic violence, dating |
| 17 | violence, stalking, or sexual assault, the tenant or immediate family |
| 18 | member has a reasonable fear that the tenant or family member will |
| 19 | suffer psychological harm or a further act of domestic violence, dating |
| 20 | violence, stalking, or sexual assault if the tenant or family member |
| 21 | continues to reside in the unit; and |
| 22 | 5. A statement that the representations in the verification are true and |
| 23 | accurate to the best of the tenant's knowledge and the tenant |
| 24 | understands that the verification could be used as evidence in court; |
| 25 | <u>and</u> |
| 26 | (b) From an attesting third party: |
| 27 | 1. The name, business address, and business telephone number of the |

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| 1 | <u>party;</u> |
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| 2 | 2. The capacity in which the party received the information regarding |
| 3 | the act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual |
| 4 | assault; |
| 5 | 3. A statement that the party has read the tenant's verification and been |
| 6 | advised by the tenant that the tenant or immediate family member is |
| 7 | the victim of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or |
| 8 | sexual assault and has a reasonable fear that the tenant or family |
| 9 | member will suffer psychological harm or a further act of domestic |
| 10 | violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault if the tenant or |
| 11 | family member continues to reside in the dwelling unit; and |
| 12 | 4. A statement that the party, based on the tenant's verification, believes |
| 13 | the tenant and understands that the verification may be used as the |
| 14 | ground for releasing the tenant from a lease or terminating the |
| 15 | tenant's interest under the lease. |
| 16 | (2) If a verification given to a landlord by a tenant under subsection (1)(c) of Section |
| 17 | 48 of this Act contains a representation of a material fact known by the tenant to |
| 18 | be false, the landlord may recover an amount not to exceed three (3) times the |
| 19 | periodic rent or three (3) times actual damages, whichever is greater. |
| 20 | →SECTION 51. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 21 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 22 | (1) A landlord may recover from a perpetrator actual damages resulting from a |
| 23 | tenant's exercise of a right under Section 48 of this Act and, if the perpetrator is a |
| 24 | party to the lease who remains in possession of the dwelling unit, hold the |
| 25 | perpetrator liable on the lease for all obligations under the lease or Sections 1 to |
| 26 | 61 of this Act. |
| 27 | (2) A perpetrator shall not recover actual damages or other relief resulting from the |

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| 1 | | exercise of a right by a tenant under Section 48 of this Act or a landlord under |
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| 2 | | this section. |
| 3 | | → SECTION 52. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 4 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 5 | <u>(1)</u> | Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if a tenant or immediate family |
| 6 | | member is a victim of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or |
| 7 | | sexual assault and the tenant has a reasonable fear that the perpetrator or other |
| 8 | | person acting on the perpetrator's behalf may attempt to gain access to the |
| 9 | | dwelling unit, the tenant, without the landlord's consent, may cause the locks or |
| 10 | | other security devices for the unit to be changed or rekeyed in a professional |
| 11 | | manner and shall give a key or other means of access for the new locks or |
| 12 | | security devices to the landlord and any other tenant, other than the perpetrator, |
| 13 | | that is a party to the lease. |
| 14 | <u>(2)</u> | If locks or other security devices are changed or rekeyed under subsection (1) of |
| 15 | | this section, the landlord may change or rekey them, at the tenant's expense, to |
| 16 | | ensure compatibility with the landlord's master key or other means of access or |
| 17 | | otherwise accommodate the landlord's reasonable commercial needs. |
| 18 | <u>(3)</u> | If a perpetrator is a party to the lease, locks or other security devices shall not be |
| 19 | | changed or rekeyed under subsection (1) of this section unless a court order, |
| 20 | | other than an ex parte order, expressly requires that the perpetrator vacate the |
| 21 | | dwelling unit or restrains the perpetrator from contact with the tenant or |
| 22 | | immediate family member and a copy of the order has been given to the landlord. |
| 23 | <u>(4)</u> | A perpetrator shall not recover actual damages or other relief against a landlord |
| 24 | | or tenant resulting from the exercise of a right by the landlord or tenant under |
| 25 | | this section. |
| 26 | | → SECTION 53. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 27 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |

| 1 | (I) | On issuance of a court order requiring a perpetrator to vacate a dwelling unit |
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| 2 | | because of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual |
| 3 | | assault, other than an ex parte order, neither the landlord nor tenant has a duty |
| 4 | | <u>to:</u> |
| 5 | | (a) Allow the perpetrator access to the unit unless accompanied by a law |
| 6 | | enforcement officer; or |
| 7 | | (b) Provide the perpetrator with any means of access to the unit. |
| 8 | <u>(2)</u> | If a perpetrator is a party to the lease, on issuance of a court order requiring the |
| 9 | | perpetrator to vacate the dwelling unit, other than an ex parte order, the |
| 10 | | perpetrator's interest under the lease terminates, and the landlord and any |
| 11 | | remaining tenant may recover from the perpetrator actual damages resulting |
| 12 | | from the termination. |
| 13 | <u>(3)</u> | Termination of a perpetrator's interest under a lease under this section does not |
| 14 | | terminate the interest of any other tenant under the lease or alter the obligations |
| 15 | | of any other tenant under the lease. |
| 16 | <i>(4)</i> | A landlord is not required to return to a perpetrator whose interest under the |
| 17 | | lease terminates under this section or to any remaining tenant any security |
| 18 | | deposit or unearned rent until the lease terminates with respect to all tenants. |
| 19 | | → SECTION 54. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 20 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 21 | <u>(1)</u> | If a landlord has a reasonable belief that a tenant or immediate family member is |
| 22 | | the victim of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual |
| 23 | | assault and another tenant of the same landlord who resides in the same building |
| 24 | | as the tenant is the perpetrator, the landlord may terminate the perpetrator's |
| 25 | | interest in the lease by giving the perpetrator notice in a record that the |
| 26 | | perpetrator's interest will terminate immediately or on a later specified date, |
| 27 | | which is not later than thirty (30) days after notice is given. The notice must state |

| 1 | | that the landlord has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator has committed an |
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| 2 | | act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and the |
| 3 | | approximate date of the act. |
| 4 | <u>(2)</u> | Before giving notice to a perpetrator under subsection (1) of this section, the |
| 5 | | landlord shall give notice of the landlord's intent to terminate the perpetrator's |
| 6 | | interest to the tenant who was the victim of the act of domestic violence, dating |
| 7 | | violence, stalking, or sexual assault or whose immediate family member was the |
| 8 | | victim. This notice may be given by any means reasonably calculated to reach the |
| 9 | | tenant, including oral communication, notice in a record, or notice sent to the |
| 10 | | tenant at any other address at which the landlord reasonably believes the tenant |
| 11 | | is located. |
| 12 | <u>(3)</u> | Failure of a tenant to receive the notice of the landlord's intent to terminate the |
| 13 | | perpetrator's interest under subsection (2) of this section does not affect the |
| 14 | | landlord's right to terminate under this section or expose the landlord to any |
| 15 | | liability. |
| 16 | <u>(4)</u> | If a landlord terminates a perpetrator's interest under a lease under this section, |
| 17 | | any other tenant under the lease may recover from the perpetrator actual |
| 18 | | damages resulting from the termination. |
| 19 | <u>(5)</u> | Termination of a perpetrator's interest under a lease under this section does not |
| 20 | | terminate the interest of any other tenant under the lease or alter the obligations |
| 21 | | of any other tenant under the lease. |
| 22 | <u>(6)</u> | A landlord is not required to return to a perpetrator whose interest under a lease |
| 23 | | is terminated under this section or to any other tenant under the lease any |
| 24 | | security deposit or unearned rent until the lease terminates with respect to all |
| 25 | | <u>tenants.</u> |
| 26 | <u>(7)</u> | In an action between a landlord and tenant involving the right of the landlord to |
| 27 | | terminate the tenant's interest under this section, the landlord must prove by a |

| 1 | | preponderance of the evidence that the landlord had a reasonable belief that the |
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| 2 | | tenant was a perpetrator. |
| 3 | | →SECTION 55. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 4 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 5 | <u>(1)</u> | In this section, "tenant" includes an applicant seeking to enter into a lease with a |
| 6 | | <u>landlord.</u> |
| 7 | <u>(2)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, a landlord |
| 8 | | shall not do or threaten to do any act in subsection (2) of Section 40 of this Act if |
| 9 | | the landlord's purpose for engaging in the conduct is that: |
| 10 | | (a) An act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault |
| 11 | | committed against the tenant or immediate family member resulted in a |
| 12 | | violation of the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act by the tenant; or |
| 13 | | (b) A complaint of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or |
| 14 | | sexual assault committed against the tenant or immediate family member |
| 15 | | resulted in a law enforcement or emergency response. |
| 16 | <u>(3)</u> | Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, a landlord shall not |
| 17 | | refuse or threaten to refuse to rent a dwelling unit if the landlord's purpose for |
| 18 | | the refusal or threat is that a tenant or an immediate family member is or has |
| 19 | | been the victim of an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual |
| 20 | | <u>assault.</u> |
| 21 | <u>(4)</u> | Evidence that any of the events described in subsection (2) or (3) of this section |
| 22 | | occurred within six (6) months before the landlord's conduct creates a |
| 23 | | presumption that the purpose of the landlord's conduct was retaliation. The |
| 24 | | landlord may rebut the presumption by a preponderance of evidence showing that |
| 25 | | the landlord had sufficient justification for engaging in the conduct described in |
| 26 | | subsection (2) or (3) of this section and would have engaged in the conduct in the |
| 27 | | same manner and at the same time regardless whether the events described in |

| 1 | subsection (2) or (3) of this section occurred. |
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| 2 | (5) A landlord may terminate the lease of a tenant by giving the tenant notice in a |
| 3 | record that the lease will terminate on a date specified in the notice, which must |
| 4 | be at least thirty (30) days after notice is given if: |
| 5 | (a) Without the landlord's permission, the tenant invited a perpetrator onto the |
| 6 | premises or allowed a perpetrator to occupy the dwelling unit: |
| 7 | 1. After the landlord gave the tenant notice in a record to refrain from |
| 8 | inviting the perpetrator onto the premises; or |
| 9 | 2. During a time the tenant knows the perpetrator is subject to a no- |
| 10 | contact court order or a court order barring the perpetrator from the |
| 11 | premises; and |
| 12 | (b) The landlord demonstrates that: |
| 13 | 1. There is an actual and imminent threat to the health or safety of any |
| 14 | individual on the premises, the landlord, or the landlord's agent if the |
| 15 | lease is not terminated; or |
| 16 | 2. The perpetrator has damaged the premises. |
| 17 | (6) If a landlord willfully violates subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the tenant or |
| 18 | prospective tenant may recover three (3) times the periodic rent or three (3) times |
| 19 | actual damages, whichever is greater, and: |
| 20 | (a) Terminate the lease; |
| 21 | (b) Defend an action for possession on the ground that the landlord violated |
| 22 | subsection (2) of this section; or |
| 23 | (c) Obtain appropriate injunctive relief. |
| 24 | →SECTION 56. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 25 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 26 | (1) In Sections 56 to 60 of this Act, "bank account" means a checking, demand, |
| 2.7 | time, savings, passbook, or similar account maintained at a bank. |

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| 1 | (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, a landlor |
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| 2 | shall not require the tenant to pay or agree to pay a security deposit, prepaid ren |
| 3 | or any combination thereof, in an amount that exceeds two (2) times the periods |
| 4 | <u>rent.</u> |
| 5 | (3) The limit established in subsection (2) of this section does not include the first |
| 6 | month's rent or fees. |
| 7 | (4) Except as otherwise provided by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, if |
| 8 | tenant keeps a pet on the premises or is permitted by the lease to make alteration |
| 9 | to the premises, the landlord may require the tenant to pay an additional securit |
| 10 | deposit in an amount commensurate with the additional risk of damage to the |
| 11 | premises. |
| 12 | →SECTION 57. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 13 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 14 | (1) The following apply to a landlord's interest in a security deposit: |
| 15 | (a) The landlord's interest is limited to a security interest; |
| 16 | (b) Notwithstanding law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, the landlord |
| 17 | security interest is effective against and has priority over each creditor of |
| 18 | and transferee from the tenant; and |
| 19 | (c) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a creditor of and transferee from |
| 20 | the landlord can acquire no greater interest in a security deposit than the |
| 21 | interest of the landlord. |
| 22 | (2) The following shall apply to a tenant's interest in a security deposit: |
| 23 | (a) Notwithstanding law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, the tenant |
| 24 | interest has priority over any right of setoff the bank in which the account |
| 25 | maintained may have for obligations owed to the bank other than charge |
| 26 | normally associated with the bank's maintenance of the account; |
| 27 | (b) The tenant's interest is not adversely affected if the deposit is commingle |

| 1 | with the deposits of other tenants; and |
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| 2 | (c) The effect of commingling other than that allowed in paragraph (b) of this |
| 3 | subsection is determined by law other than Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 4 | (3) Subsection (1)(c) of this section does not abrogate generally applicable rules of |
| 5 | law enabling a transferee of funds to take the funds free of competing claims. |
| 6 | → SECTION 58. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 7 | READ AS FOLLOWS: |
| 8 | (1) With respect to funds constituting a security deposit, a landlord: |
| 9 | (a) Shall maintain the ability to identify the funds: |
| 10 | 1. By holding the funds in a bank account that is used exclusively for |
| 11 | security deposits, that is maintained with a bank doing business in this |
| 12 | state, and the title of which indicates that it contains security deposits; |
| 13 | <u>and</u> |
| 14 | 2. By maintaining records that indicate at all times the amount of the |
| 15 | funds attributable to each tenant whose funds are being held in the |
| 16 | account; and |
| 17 | (b) May commingle the funds received from other tenants as security deposits |
| 18 | in the same bank account but shall not commingle other funds, including |
| 19 | the landlord's personal or business funds, in the account. |
| 20 | (2) If a landlord fails to comply with subsection (1) of this section, the tenant may |
| 21 | recover actual damages or damages equal to one (1) times the periodic rent, |
| 22 | whichever is greater. |
| 23 | (3) A bank in which a landlord deposits funds constituting a security deposit has no |
| 24 | duty to ensure that the landlord properly applies the funds. |
| 25 | (4) Unless a lease provides otherwise, the landlord is not required to deposit a |
| 26 | security deposit into an interest-bearing account or to pay the tenant interest on |
| 27 | the denosit |

| 1 | | → SECTION 59. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
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| 2 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 3 | <u>(1)</u> | After termination of a lease, the tenant is entitled to the amount by which the |
| 4 | | security deposit and any unearned rent exceeds the amount the landlord is owed |
| 5 | | under the lease or Sections 1 to 61 of this Act. |
| 6 | <u>(2)</u> | Not later than thirty (30) days after a lease terminates and the tenant vacates the |
| 7 | | premises, the landlord shall determine the amount the landlord believes the |
| 8 | | tenant is entitled to under subsection (1) of this section and: |
| 9 | | (a) Tender that amount to the tenant or, if the tenant has died, the tenant |
| 10 | | representative; |
| 11 | | (b) Send that amount by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to an address |
| 12 | | provided by the tenant or, if the tenant has died, the tenant representative |
| 13 | | or, in the absence of that address, to the relevant address specified in |
| 14 | | Section 8 of this Act; or |
| 15 | | (c) Cause a funds transfer in that amount to be made, with the cost of transfer |
| 16 | | paid, to a bank account designated by the tenant or, if the tenant has died, |
| 17 | | the tenant's representative. |
| 18 | <u>(3)</u> | If the amount under subsection (2) of this section is less than the sum of the |
| 19 | | tenant's security deposit and any unearned rent, the landlord shall provide the |
| 20 | | tenant or tenant representative, within the period specified under subsection (2) |
| 21 | | of this section, a record specifying each item of property damage or other |
| 22 | | unfulfilled obligation of the tenant to which the security deposit or unearned rent |
| 23 | | was applied and the amount applied to each item. |
| 24 | <u>(4)</u> | If the amount to which the tenant is entitled under subsection (1) of this section is |
| 25 | | greater than the amount paid to the tenant or tenant representative, the tenant or |
| 26 | | tenant representative may recover the difference. |
| 27 | <i>(</i> 5) | If a landlord fails to comply with subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the court |

| 1 | | may award the tenant or tenant's representative, in addition to any amount |
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| 2 | | recoverable under subsection (4) of this section, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) |
| 3 | | or two (2) times the amount recoverable under subsection (4) of this section, |
| 4 | | whichever is greater, unless the landlord's only noncompliance was the failure to |
| 5 | | comply with subsection (2(b)) of this section as a result of the inadvertent failure |
| 6 | | to pay the cost of postage or transmission or to use the proper address. |
| 7 | <u>(6)</u> | If a security deposit and unearned rent held by a landlord are insufficient to |
| 8 | | satisfy the tenant's obligations under the lease and Sections 1 to 61 of this Act, |
| 9 | | the landlord may recover from the tenant the amount necessary to satisfy those |
| 10 | | obligations. |
| 11 | | → SECTION 60. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 383 IS CREATED TO |
| 12 | REA | AD AS FOLLOWS: |
| 13 | <u>(1)</u> | When a landlord's interest in the premises terminates, the landlord shall: |
| 14 | | (a) If the lease continues, not later than thirty (30) days after the termination of |
| 15 | | the landlord's interest, transfer to the person succeeding the landlord's |
| 16 | | interest in the premises any security deposit being held by the landlord and |
| 17 | | notify the tenant in a record of the successor's name and address, the |
| 18 | | amount transferred, and any claim previously made against the security |
| 19 | | deposit; or |
| 20 | | (b) If the lease terminates as a result of the termination of the landlord's |
| 21 | | interest, comply with Section 59 of this Act. |
| 22 | <u>(2)</u> | If a landlord dies before the termination of the lease, the personal representative |
| 23 | | of the landlord's estate becomes the landlord until the premises are distributed to |
| 24 | | the successor. If the premises are distributed to the successor before the |
| 25 | | termination of the lease, the security deposit held by the representative must be |
| 26 | | transferred to the successor and the representative shall notify the tenant in a |
| 27 | | record of the successor's name and address, the amount transferred to the |

| 1 | successor, and any claim previously made against the security deposit. If the |
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| 2 | premises are not distributed to the successor before the termination of the lease, |
| 3 | the representative shall comply with Section 59 of this Act. |
| 4 | (3) If a landlord or personal representative of the landlord's estate complies with |
| 5 | subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the landlord or the estate has no further |
| 6 | liability with respect to the security deposit. |
| 7 | (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a successor to a |
| 8 | landlord's interest in the premises has all rights and obligations of the landlord |
| 9 | under Sections 1 to 61 of this Act with respect to any security deposit held by the |
| 10 | predecessor landlord which has not been returned to the tenant, whether or not |
| 11 | the security deposit was transferred or distributed to the successor. |
| 12 | (5) If a landlord's interest is terminated by foreclosure, the successor's liability |
| 13 | under subsection (4) of this section is limited to the security deposit received by |
| 14 | the successor. |
| 15 | → Section 61. KRS 383.715 is amended to read as follows: |
| 16 | Sections 1 to 61 of this Act[KRS 383.505 to 383.705] shall be known and may be cited |
| 17 | as the "Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act." |
| 18 | → Section 62. The following KRS sections are repealed: |
| 19 | 383.300 Protections for person with rental or lease agreement who is protected by |
| 20 | domestic violence order or interpersonal protective order. |
| 21 | 383.302 Prohibited inclusion in rental or lease agreement of authority to terminate on |
| 22 | the basis of tenant's request for assistance in emergencies. |
| 23 | 383.500 Local governments authorized to adopt provisions of the Uniform Residential |
| 24 | Landlord and Tenant Act in their entirety and without amendment. |
| 25 | 383.505 Purposes Policies. |
| 26 | 383.515 Construction. |
| 27 | 383.525 Settlement of disputed claim or right. |

- 1 383.540 Jurisdiction -- Service of process.
- 2 383.580 Security deposits.
- 3 383.620 Tenant's use and occupancy.
- 4 383.665 Tenant's failure to maintain.
- 5 → Section 63. This Act shall apply only to a lease made on or after the effective
- 6 date of this Act.