

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB3004

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Sen. Christopher Belt

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Tenants' Freedom From Compulsory Signage Act. Restricts a landlord from compelling a tenant to display any sign, flag, or other paraphernalia in or on the tenant's residential area. Allows a court to award equitable relief for a violation of the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 5 Tenants' Freedom From Compulsory Signage Act.
- 6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- 7 "Flag" means any fabric intended to convey a message.
- 8 "Landlord" means any owner, lessor, or landlord, or legal
- 9 representative or agent of an owner, lessor, or landlord, or a
- 10 housing authority or a housing subsidy program administrator,
- or agent of a housing authority or a housing subsidy program
- 12 administrator.
- "Paraphernalia" means any item intended to convey a
- message.
- 15 "Residential area" means the private area or rooms in
- 16 which the tenant resides, excluding any common or public
- 17 spaces.
- "Sign" means any image intended to convey a message.
- "Tenant" means any tenant, lessee, or occupant of any
- 20 building, any apartment in a building, any dwelling unit, any
- 21 trailer or mobile manufactured home, or any land upon which a
- trailer or mobile manufactured home is used or stands.

- Section 10. Compulsory signage. A landlord is prohibited from compelling a tenant to display any sign, flag, or other paraphernalia in or on the tenant's residential area. This does not include common areas and public spaces.
- Section 15. Penalty. A court may award equitable relief for a violation of this Act, including, but not limited to, an injunction, costs, and any other relief the court deems proper.