

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Landlord and Tenant Act is amended by
5 adding Section 17 as follows:

6 (765 ILCS 705/17 new)

7 Sec. 17. Reusable tenant screening report.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Consumer report" has the same meaning as defined in
10 Section 1681a of Title 15 of the United States Code.

11 "Consumer reporting agency" means a person which, for
12 monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis,
13 regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of
14 assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other
15 information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing
16 consumer reports to third parties and that uses any means or
17 facility of interstate commerce for the purpose of preparing
18 or furnishing consumer reports.

19 "Reusable tenant screening report" means a consumer report
20 that meets all of the following criteria:

21 (1) Was prepared within the previous 30 days by a
22 consumer reporting agency at the request and expense of an
23 applicant.

1 (2) Is made directly available to a landlord for use
2 in the rental application process or is provided through a
3 third-party website that regularly engages in the business
4 of providing a reusable tenant screening report and
5 complies with all State and federal laws pertaining to use
6 and disclosure of information contained in a consumer
7 report by a consumer reporting agency.

8 (3) Is available to the landlord at no cost to access
9 or use.

10 (b) A landlord may elect to accept reusable tenant
11 screening reports and may require an applicant to state that
12 there has not been a material change to the information in the
13 reusable tenant screening report.

14 (c) A reusable tenant screening report shall include all
15 of the following information regarding an applicant:

16 (1) Name.

17 (2) Contact information.

18 (3) Verification of employment.

19 (4) Last known address.

20 (5) Results of an eviction history check in a manner
21 and for a period of time consistent with applicable law
22 related to the consideration of eviction history in
23 housing.

24 A reusable tenant screening report shall prominently state
25 the date through which the information contained in the report
26 is current.

1 (d) If an applicant provides a reusable tenant screening
2 report to a landlord that accepts reusable tenant screening
3 reports, the landlord shall not charge the applicant either of
4 the following:

5 (1) A fee for the landlord to access the report.

6 (2) An application screening fee.

7 (e) This Section does not affect any other applicable law
8 related to the consideration of criminal history information
9 in housing, including, but not limited to, local ordinances
10 governing the information that landlords may review and
11 consider when determining to whom they will rent.

12 (f) If an ordinance, resolution, regulation, rule,
13 administrative action, initiative, or other policy adopted by
14 a municipality or county conflicts with this Section, the
15 policy that provides greater protections to applicants shall
16 apply.

17 (g) This Section does not require a landlord to accept
18 reusable tenant screening reports.