

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6889

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING EVICTIONS FOR CAUSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 47a-23c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 3 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, this
- 4 section applies to any tenant who resides in a building or complex
- consisting of five or more separate dwelling units or who resides in a mobile manufactured home park and who: [is either: (A) Sixty-two] (A)
- 7 <u>Is sixty-two</u> years of age or older, or whose spouse, sibling, parent or
- 8 grandparent is sixty-two years of age or older and permanently resides
- 9 with that tenant, [or] (B) is a person with a physical or mental disability,
- as defined in subdivision (12) of section 46a-64b, or whose spouse,
- sibling, child, parent or grandparent is a person with a physical or
- mental disability who permanently resides with that tenant, but only if
- 13 such disability can be expected to result in death or to last for a
- continuous period of at least twelve months, or (C) has resided in such
- 15 <u>building, complex or mobile manufactured home park for not less than</u>
- 16 <u>thirteen months</u>.
- 17 (2) With respect to tenants in common interest communities, this
- 18 section applies only to (A) a conversion tenant, as defined in subsection
- 19 (3) of section 47-283, who (i) is described in subdivision (1) of this

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subsection, or (ii) is not described in subdivision (1) of this subsection but, during a transition period, as defined in subsection (4) of section 47-283, is residing in a conversion condominium created after May 6, 1980, or in any other conversion common interest community created after December 31, 1982, or (iii) is not described in subdivision (1) of this subsection but is otherwise protected as a conversion tenant by public act 80-370, and (B) a tenant who is not a conversion tenant but who is described in subdivision (1) of this subsection if [his] such tenant's landlord owns five or more dwelling units in the common interest community in which the dwelling unit is located.

- (3) As used in this section, "tenant" includes each resident of a mobile manufactured home park, as defined in section 21-64, including a resident who owns [his own home] the home in which such resident resides, "landlord" includes a "licensee" and an "owner" of a mobile manufactured home park, as defined in section 21-64, "complex" means two or more buildings on the same or contiguous parcels of real property under the same ownership, and "mobile manufactured home park" means a parcel of real property, or contiguous parcels of real property under the same ownership, upon which five or more mobile manufactured homes occupied for residential purposes are located.
- (b) (1) No landlord may bring an action of summary process or other action to dispossess a tenant described in subsection (a) of this section except for one or more of the following reasons: (A) Nonpayment of rent; (B) refusal to agree to a fair and equitable rent increase, as [defined] described in subsection (c) of this section; (C) material noncompliance with section 47a-11 or subsection (b) of section 21-82, which materially affects the health and safety of the other tenants or which materially affects the physical condition of the premises; (D) voiding of the rental agreement pursuant to section 47a-31, or material noncompliance with the rental agreement; (E) material noncompliance with the rules and regulations of the landlord adopted in accordance with section 47a-9 or 21-70; (F) permanent removal by the landlord of the dwelling unit of such tenant from the housing market; or (G) bona fide intention by the landlord to use such dwelling unit as [his] such landlord's principal

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54 residence or, if the tenant is not sixty-two years of age or older or a 55 person with a physical or mental disability, as the principal residence 56 for such landlord's child, grandchild, parent or grandparent, provided 57 in either case that (i) the landlord is a natural person, (ii) the landlord 58 gave such tenant at least ninety days' advance written notice, (iii) there 59 is no other unit in the building or complex or mobile manufactured 60 home park reasonably available to the landlord or such landlord's 61 relative at that time or within a reasonable period of time, and (iv) the 62 landlord has a bona fide belief that such use for principal residency will 63 continue for at least six months.

(2) The ground stated in subparagraph (G) of subdivision (1) of this subsection is not available to the owner of a dwelling unit in a common interest community occupied by a conversion tenant.

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- 67 (3) A tenant may not be dispossessed for a reason described in 68 subparagraph (B), (F) or (G) of subdivision (1) of this subsection during 69 the term of any existing rental agreement.
 - (c) (1) The rent of a tenant protected by this section may be increased only to the extent that such increase is fair and equitable, based on the criteria set forth in section 7-148c.
 - (2) Any such tenant aggrieved by a rent increase or proposed rent increase may file a complaint with the fair rent commission, if any, for the town, city or borough where [his] such tenant's dwelling unit or mobile manufactured home park lot is located; or, if no such fair rent commission exists, may bring an action in the Superior Court to contest the increase. In any such court proceeding, the court shall determine whether the rent increase is fair and equitable, based on the criteria set forth in section 7-148c.
 - (d) A landlord, to determine whether a tenant is a protected tenant, as described in <u>subparagraph (A) or (B) of</u> subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, <u>when such protected status is not readily apparent to the landlord</u>, may request proof of such protected status. On such request, any tenant claiming protection shall provide proof of the

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protected status within thirty days. The proof shall include a statement of a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse in the case of alleged blindness or other physical disability.

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- (e) (1) On and after January 1, 2024, whenever a dwelling unit located in a building or complex consisting of five or more separate dwelling units or in a mobile manufactured home park is rented to, or a rental agreement is entered into or renewed with, a tenant, the landlord of such dwelling unit or such landlord's agent shall provide such tenant with written notice of the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section in a form as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection <u>and</u>, on and after January 1, 2026, the landlord or agent shall provide the revised notice created under said subdivision.
- (2) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Housing shall create a notice to be used by landlords, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, to inform tenants of the rights provided to protected tenants under subsections (b) and (c) of this section. Such notice shall be a one-page, plain-language summary of such rights and shall be available in both English and Spanish. Not later than December 1, 2023, such notice shall be posted on the Department of Housing's Internet web site. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Housing shall revise such notice in accordance with the provisions of this section and shall post such revised notice on the Department of Housing's Internet web site.
- (3) Not later than December 1, 2028, the commissioner shall (A) translate the notice required under subdivision (2) of this subsection into the five most commonly spoken languages in the state, as determined by the commissioner, and (B) post such translations on the Department of Housing's Internet web site not later than December 1, 2028.

This act shall	l take effect as fol	lows and sha	all amend the	following
sections:				

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