
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENTAL AGREEMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 521-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:
3 "(h) [~~Landlords~~] In the case of a written or oral rental
4 agreement, every landlord shall provide [~~their~~] the landlord's
5 current general excise tax number in writing to all tenants [~~for~~
6 the purpose of filing for a low income tax credit]. All
7 payments or deposits to a landlord from a tenant shall be made
8 by personal check, certified or cashier's check, bank or postal
9 money orders, traveler's check, or other written instrument or
10 order for the transmission or payment of money, which shall list
11 the current general excise tax number as provided by the
12 landlord. The landlord shall notify all tenants in writing
13 within fourteen days if the landlord's general excise tax
14 license number changes. If a landlord fails to comply with this
15 subsection, the written or oral rental agreement shall be
16 unenforceable against the tenant."

17 SECTION 2. The department of commerce and consumer affairs
18 shall include landlord obligations and tenant rights as



1 contained in section 521-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in the
2 department's landlord-tenant handbook and on the department
3 website.

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Landlord; Tenant; General Excise Tax License; Disclosure

Description:

Enforces the disclosure of every landlord's current general excise tax number to all tenants, and requires all payments from tenants to landlords to reference the landlord's current general excise tax number. Informs tenants of their rights and resources in landlord-tenant matters.

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