

THE SENATE
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC
To comply with social distancing requirements, only written and videoconference testimony will be accepted.
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A G E N D A

SB 27 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE. Establishes the state mortgage insurance program to guarantee up to fifteen per cent of the principal balance of real property mortgage loans, under certain conditions.	CPN, WAM
SB 162 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Specifies that the amount of damages recoverable by a tenant subjected to an unlawful retaliatory eviction is equal to two months' rent.	CPN
SB 35 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE. Prohibits landlords from recovering possession of a dwelling unit from tenants if habitability of the premises is significantly impaired. Sets a tenant's liability for rent if habitability of the premises is significantly impaired. Provides remedies for retaliatory evictions.	CPN, JDC
SB 52 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO RENT CONTROL. Prohibits landlords from increasing rent above a certain percentage over any twelve-month period. Establishes provisions for rent control. Excludes certain properties from rent control. Requires a report regarding the effectiveness of rent control in the State. Repeals on 12/31/2031.	CPN, JDC
SB 206 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO RENTAL DISCRIMINATION. Prohibits discrimination, including in advertisements for available real property, based on participation in a housing assistance program or requirements related to participation in housing assistance programs, in real estate transactions and requirements.	CPN, JDC

SB 563

**Status &
Testimony**

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL TENANT PROTECTION.
Prohibits a commercial landlord from initiating or continuing any action to evict or collect unpaid rent from a commercial tenant that has been adversely impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19 or official measures intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Sunsets 7/1/2022.

CPN, JDC

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair