

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

COVID-19 Response (Management Measures) Legislation Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Julie Anne Genter, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Schedule 5

In *Schedule 5, clause 4*, in new *Schedule 5, clause 3(3)*, replace *paragraph (a)* (page 24, lines 15 to 18) with:

- (a) a COVID-19 public health order is or will be made containing measures that limit the purposes for which people in the area may leave their place of residence; and

In *Schedule 5, clause 4*, in new *Schedule 5*, after *clause 13* (page 32, after line 35) insert:

Rent increases

14 Application of clauses 15 and 16

Clauses 15 and 16 apply for a period starting on the commencement date of a COVID-19 tenancies order and ending 20 working days after the expiration of a COVID-19 tenancies order.

15 Rent increases

- (1) The rent payable in respect of any tenancy may not be increased.
- (2) If a notice to increase rent was given in accordance with this Act before the commencement date of a COVID-19 tenancies order, and the rent increase has not taken effect before that date, the notice is of no effect.

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SOP No 70

16 Increasing rent an unlawful act

- (1) A landlord commits an unlawful act if they increase or purport to increase rent knowing they are not entitled under this Act to increase the rent.
- (2) The maximum amount that a person may be ordered to pay under section 109 for the unlawful act is \$6,500.

Explanatory note

The purpose of this SOP is to improve protections for people living in rental accommodation during periods of Alert Level 3 and 4. This would expand the protection from tenancy termination under the Bill to apply during Alert Level 3 as well as Alert Level 4. It would also establish protections against increases in rents during Alert Levels 3 and 4, and the immediate period following.