SENATE BILL NO. 381—SENATORS D. HARRIS, DONATE, SPEARMAN, FLORES; DALY, KRASNER, LANGE, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SCHEIBLE AND STONE

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Prohibits a landlord from requiring a tenant to pay certain charges. (BDR 10-650)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to property; prohibiting a landlord from requiring a tenant to pay any fee or other charge for the performance of certain repairs, maintenance tasks or other work for which the landlord has a duty to perform to maintain the habitability of a dwelling unit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires a landlord to maintain a dwelling unit in a habitable condition at all times during the tenancy of that dwelling unit. (NRS 118A.290) This bill prohibits a landlord from requiring a tenant to pay any fee or other charge for the performance of any repairs, maintenance tasks or other work for which the landlord has a duty to perform to maintain the habitability of the dwelling unit.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 118A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

118A.290 1. The landlord shall at all times during the tenancy maintain the dwelling unit in a habitable condition. A dwelling unit is not habitable if it violates provisions of housing or health codes concerning the health, safety, sanitation or fitness for habitation of the dwelling unit or if it substantially lacks:



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- (a) Effective waterproofing and weather protection of the roof and exterior walls, including windows and doors.
- (b) Plumbing facilities which conformed to applicable law when installed and which are maintained in good working order.
 - (c) A water supply approved under applicable law, which is:
- (1) Under the control of the tenant or landlord and is capable of producing hot and cold running water;
 - (2) Furnished to appropriate fixtures; and
- (3) Connected to a sewage disposal system approved under applicable law and maintained in good working order to the extent that the system can be controlled by the landlord.
- (d) Adequate heating facilities which conformed to applicable law when installed and are maintained in good working order.
- (e) Electrical lighting, outlets, wiring and electrical equipment which conformed to applicable law when installed and are maintained in good working order.
- (f) An adequate number of appropriate receptacles for garbage and rubbish in clean condition and good repair at the commencement of the tenancy. The landlord shall arrange for the removal of garbage and rubbish from the premises unless the parties by written agreement provide otherwise.
- (g) Building, grounds, appurtenances and all other areas under the landlord's control at the time of the commencement of the tenancy in every part clean, sanitary and reasonably free from all accumulations of debris, filth, rubbish, garbage, rodents, insects and vermin.
- (h) Floors, walls, ceilings, stairways and railings maintained in good repair.
- (i) Ventilating, air-conditioning and other facilities and appliances, including elevators, maintained in good repair if supplied or required to be supplied by the landlord.
- 2. The landlord and tenant may agree that the tenant is to perform specified repairs, maintenance tasks and minor remodeling only if:
- (a) The agreement of the parties is entered into in good faith; and
- (b) The agreement does not diminish the obligations of the landlord to other tenants in the premises.
- 3. An agreement pursuant to subsection 2 is not entered into in good faith if the landlord has a duty under subsection 1 to perform the specified repairs, maintenance tasks or minor remodeling and the tenant enters into the agreement because the landlord or his or her agent has refused to perform them.
- 4. The landlord shall not require a tenant to pay any fee or other charge for the performance of any repairs, maintenance





tasks or other work for which the landlord has a duty under subsection 1 to perform, including, without limitation, any fee or other charge to cover the costs of any deductible or copayment under a policy of insurance for home protection or service contract for the performance of any such repairs, maintenance tasks or other work.

5. As used in this section:

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- (a) "Insurance for home protection" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 690B.100.
- (b) "Service contract" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 690C.080.
 - **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.





