SB 282-4 (LC 2146)3/18/21 (RLM/ps)

Requested by Senator JAMA

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO **SENATE BILL 282**

1	In line 2 of the printed bill, after "housing" insert "; creating new pro-
2	visions; amending ORS 90.303 and 105.163 and sections 3, 4 and 7, chapter
3	13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), and section 22, chapter 3, Oregon
4	Laws 2020 (third special session); and declaring an emergency".
5	Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:
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"SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), as amended by section 8, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), is amended to read:

"Sec. 3. (1) As used in this section and in section 7, chapter 3, Oregon **Laws 2020 (third special session)** [of this 2020 third special session Act]:

- "(a) 'Emergency period' means the period beginning on April 1, 2020, and ending on [December 31, 2020, except as the period may be extended through] June 30, 2021[, under section 7 (1) of this 2020 third special session Act].
- "(b) 'End of the grace period' means [March 31, 2021, unless the period is 17 extended through June 30, 2021, under section 7 (1) of this 2020 third special 18 session Act] February 28, 2022. 19
- "(c) 'Nonpayment' means the nonpayment of a payment that becomes due 20 during the emergency period to a landlord, including a payment of rent, late 21

- 1 charges, utility or service charges or any other charge or fee as described
- 2 in the rental agreement or ORS 90.140, 90.302, 90.315, 90.392, 90.394, 90.560
- 3 to 90.584 or 90.630.
- 4 "(d) 'Nonpayment balance' includes all or a part of the net total amount
- of all items of nonpayment by a tenant during the emergency period.
- 6 "(e) 'Termination notice without cause' means a notice delivered by a
- 7 landlord under ORS 90.427 (3)(b), (4)(b) or (c), or (8)(a)(B) or (b)(B).
- 8 "(2) Before the end of the grace period, notwithstanding this chapter or
- 9 ORS 105.105 to 105.168, a landlord may not, and may not threaten to:
- "(a) Deliver a notice of termination of a rental agreement based on a
- 11 tenant's nonpayment balance;
- "(b) Initiate or continue an action under ORS 105.110 to take possession
- of a dwelling unit based on a notice of termination for nonpayment delivered
- 14 during the emergency period;
- "(c) Take any action that would interfere with a tenant's possession or
- use of a dwelling unit based on a tenant's nonpayment balance;
- "(d) Assess a late fee or any other penalty on a tenant's nonpayment; or
- "[(e) Report a tenant's nonpayment balance as delinquent to any consumer
- 19 credit reporting agency; or]
- "[(f)] (e) File an action to recover the nonpayment balance.
- "(3) Notwithstanding ORS 90.220 (9), before applying payments received
- 22 from a tenant or on behalf of a tenant to a tenant's nonpayment balance, a
- 23 landlord shall first apply the payments, in the following order, to:
- 24 "(a) Rent for the current rental period;
- 25 "(b) Utility or service charges;
- 26 "(c) Late rent payment charges; and
- 27 "(d) Fees or charges owed by the tenant under ORS 90.302 or other fees
- or charges related to damage claims or other claims against the tenant.
- 29 "[(4)(a) Before June 30, 2021, a landlord may not deliver a termination no-
- 30 tice without cause and may not file an action under ORS 105.110 based on a

- 1 termination notice without cause.]
- "[(b)] (4) If the first year of occupancy would end after April 1, 2020, and
- 3 before August 31, 2021, for the purposes of a termination notice without
- 4 cause, the 'first year of occupancy' is extended to mean a period lasting until
- 5 August 31, 2021.
- 6 "(5)(a) A landlord may deliver a written notice to a tenant before the end
- of the grace period stating that the tenant continues to owe any rent [due.]

## 8 that accrued from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, but

- 9 "[(b) If the emergency period is extended under section 7 (1) of this 2020
- 10 third special session Act,] the notice must also include a statement that
- eviction for nonpayment of rent, charges and fees accrued from April 1, 2020,
- to June 30, 2021, is not allowed before [June 30, 2021] **February 28, 2022**.
- "[(c) If the emergency period is not extended under section 7 (1) of this 2020
- 14 third special session Act, the notice must also include:]
- "[(A) A statement that eviction for nonpayment of rent, charges and fees
- accrued from April 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, is not allowed before March
- 17 31, 2021; and
- "[(B) A copy of both the notice and declaration form described in section
- 19 7 (3) of this 2020 third special session Act].
- "[(d)] (b) The notice may also include information regarding tenant re-
- sources and may offer a voluntary payment plan for the nonpayment balance.
- 22 If the notice offers a voluntary payment plan, the notice must state that the
- payment plan is voluntary. The notice may include a request that the tenant
- 24 contact the landlord to discuss the voluntary payment plan.
- 25 "(6)(a) If a tenancy terminates before the end of the grace period, a
- landlord may claim from the security deposit or last month's rent deposit to
- 27 repay the unpaid rent balance that accrued during the emergency period
- 28 under ORS 90.300 (7) or (9).
- 29 "(b) Prior to the end of the grace period, a tenant with an unpaid rent
- balance that accrued during the emergency period is not considered to be in

- default in rent under ORS 90.385 (4)(c) or 90.390 (2).
- 2 "(c) A landlord's acceptance of a partial payment of rent before the end
- 3 of the grace period does not constitute a waiver of a landlord's right to ter-
- 4 minate the tenancy for:
- 5 "(A) A violation of the rental agreement, notwithstanding ORS 90.412 (2);
- 6 or
- 7 "(B) Nonpayment of the rent balance owed under ORS 90.394 after the end
- 8 of the grace period, notwithstanding ORS 90.417 (4).
- 9 "(7) A termination notice given under ORS 90.394 must substantially
- 10 **state that:**
- "(a) Eviction for nonpayment of rent, charges and fees that accrued
- on and after April 1, 2020, and before June 30, 2021, is not allowed be-
- 13 fore February 28, 2022; and
- 14 "(b) Information regarding tenant resources is available at
- 15 www.211info.org.
- "SECTION 2. The amendments to section 3, chapter 13, Oregon
- 17 Laws 2020 (first special session), by section 1 of this 2021 Act become
- 18 operative on July 1, 2021.
- "SECTION 3. Section 4, chapter 13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-
- sion), as amended by section 24, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special
- 21 session), is amended to read:
- "Sec. 4. Section 3, chapter 13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session),
- as amended by section 8 [of this 2020 third special session Act], chapter 3,
- Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), and section 1 of this 2021
- 25 **Act**, is repealed on [September 1, 2021] **March 1, 2022**.
- **"SECTION 4.** Section 22, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special
- 27 session), is amended to read:
- "Sec. 22. (1) The amendments to ORS [90.385, 90.394,] 105.113 [and 105.124]
- by sections 18 to 21 of this 2020 third special session Act] by section 20,
- 30 chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), become operative on

- 1 July 1, 2021.
- 2 "(2) The amendments to ORS 90.385, 90.394 and 105.124 by sections
- 3 18, 19 and 21, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), be-
- 4 come operative on March 1, 2022.
- "SECTION 5. Section 7, chapter 13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special ses-
- 6 sion), as amended by section 17, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special
- 7 session), is amended to read:
- 8 "Sec. 7. Notwithstanding ORS 12.125, the period of limitation is tolled
- 9 until [July 1, 2021] March 1, 2022, for claims by a landlord based on a
- tenant's nonpayment or nonpayment balance, both as defined in section 3,
- chapter 13, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

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## "TENANT REPORTING AND SCREENING

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- "SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 90.
- "SECTION 7. A landlord may not report to any consumer credit reporting agency a tenant's nonpayment of rent, charges or fees that accrued on or after April 1, 2020, and before July 1, 2021.
- "SECTION 8. ORS 90.303 is amended to read:
- 21 "90.303. (1) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider
- 22 an action to recover possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to 105.168 if the
- 23 action:
- 24 "(a) Was dismissed or resulted in a general judgment for the applicant
- 25 before the applicant submits the application.
- 26 "(b) Resulted in a general judgment against the applicant that was:
- "(A) Entered five or more years before the applicant submits the application[.]; or
- "(B) Entered on claims that arose on or after April 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2022.

- "(2) When evaluating the applicant, a landlord may not consider a previ-
- 2 ous arrest of the applicant if the arrest did not result in a conviction. This
- 3 subsection does not apply if the arrest has resulted in charges for criminal
- 4 behavior as described in subsection (3) of this section that have not been
- 5 dismissed at the time the applicant submits the application.
- 6 "(3) When evaluating the applicant, the landlord may not consider crimi-
- 7 nal conviction and charging history unless the conviction or pending charge
- 8 is for conduct that is:
- 9 "(a) A drug-related crime, but not including convictions based solely on
- the use or possession of marijuana;
- "(b) A person crime;
- 12 "(c) A sex offense;
- "(d) A crime involving financial fraud, including identity theft and for-
- 14 gery; or
- 15 "(e) Any other crime if the conduct for which the applicant was convicted
- or charged is of a nature that would adversely affect:
- "(A) Property of the landlord or a tenant; or
- 18 "(B) The health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises of
- 19 residents, the landlord or the landlord's agent.
- 20 "(4) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider the pos-
- session of a medical marijuana card or status as a medical marijuana patient.
- 22 "(5) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider an
- 23 applicant's unpaid rent, including rent reflected in judgments or re-
- 24 ferrals of debt to a collection agency, that accrued on or after April
- 25 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2022.
- "SECTION 9. ORS 105.163 is amended to read:
- 27 "105.163. (1) A person who was a defendant in an action under ORS
- 28 105.105 to 105.168 may apply by motion to the court where the judgment was
- 29 entered for an order setting aside the judgment and sealing the official re-
- 30 cords of the action pertaining to the applicant. The court shall grant the

- 1 motion if the court finds that:
- 2 "(a) The judgment was a judgment of restitution entered against the ap-
- 3 plicant, [a period of at least five years has passed from the date of entry of the
- 4 judgment and] the applicant has satisfied any money award included in the
- 5 judgment[;] and:
- "(A) At least five years have passed from the date of the judgment;
- 7 **or**
- 8 "(B) The judgment was based on claims that arose on or after April
- 9 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2022;
- "(b) The judgment was a judgment by stipulation of the parties under ORS
- 105.145 (2) and the applicant has complied with the terms of the stipulated
- agreement and satisfied any money award included in the judgment; or
- "(c) The judgment was a judgment or judgment of dismissal entered in the
- 14 applicant's favor.
- 15 "(2) The applicant shall serve a copy of the motion filed under subsection
- 16 (1) of this section upon the person who was the plaintiff in the action under
- ORS 105.105 to 105.168. Within 30 days of service of the motion, if a written
- objection is filed, the court shall schedule a hearing.
- "(3) If, under subsection (2) of this section, no objection is filed or after
- 20 a hearing the court determines that the applicant is eligible for relief under
- subsection (1) of this section, the court shall enter an appropriate order
- 22 setting aside the judgment and sealing the official records of the action
- 23 pertaining to the applicant. Upon entry of the order, the judgment that is
- the subject of the motion shall be deemed not to have been entered, and the
- 25 applicant may answer accordingly any questions relating to its occurrence.
- 26 "(4) The court may not charge a filing fee for the filing of a motion under
- 27 subsection (1) of this section.
- "SECTION 10. ORS 90.303, as amended by section 8 of this 2021 Act, is
- 29 amended to read:
- 30 "90.303. (1) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider

- an action to recover possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to 105.168 if the
- 2 action:
- 3 "(a) Was dismissed or resulted in a general judgment for the applicant
- 4 before the applicant submits the application.
- 5 "(b) Resulted in a general judgment against the applicant that was[:]
- 6 "[(A)] entered five or more years before the applicant submits the 7 application[; or].
- 8 "[(B) Entered on claims that arose after April 1, 2020, and before March 9 1, 2022.]
- "(2) When evaluating the applicant, a landlord may not consider a previous arrest of the applicant if the arrest did not result in a conviction. This subsection does not apply if the arrest has resulted in charges for criminal behavior as described in subsection (4) of this section that have not been dismissed at the time the applicant submits the application.
- "(3) When evaluating the applicant, the landlord may not consider criminal conviction and charging history unless the conviction or pending charge is for conduct that is:
- 18 "(a) A drug-related crime, but not including convictions based solely on 19 the use or possession of marijuana;
- 20 "(b) A person crime;
- 21 "(c) A sex offense;
- 22 "(d) A crime involving financial fraud, including identity theft and for-23 gery; or
- 24 "(e) Any other crime if the conduct for which the applicant was convicted 25 or charged is of a nature that would adversely affect:
- 26 "(A) Property of the landlord or a tenant; or
- "(B) The health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises of residents, the landlord or the landlord's agent.
- "(4) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider the possession of a medical marijuana card or status as a medical marijuana patient.

- "[(5) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider an applicant's unpaid rent, including rent reflected in judgments or referrals of debt to a collection agency, that accrued on or after April 1, 2020, and before
- 4 March 1, 2022.]
- "SECTION 11. ORS 105.163, as amended by section 9 of this 2021 Act, is amended to read:
- "105.163. (1) A person who was a defendant in an action under ORS 105.105 to 105.168 may apply by motion to the court where the judgment was entered for an order setting aside the judgment and sealing the official records of the action pertaining to the applicant. The court shall grant the motion if the court finds that:
- "(a) The judgment was a judgment of restitution entered against the applicant, the applicant has satisfied any money award included in the judgment and[:]
- "[(A)] at least five years have passed from the date of the judgment; [or]

  "[(B) Judgments based on claims that arose on or after April 1, 2020, and

  before March 1, 2022;]
- "(b) The judgment was a judgment by stipulation of the parties under ORS 105.145 (2) and the applicant has complied with the terms of the stipulated 20 agreement and satisfied any money award included in the judgment; or
- "(c) The judgment was a judgment or judgment of dismissal entered in the applicant's favor.
- "(2) The applicant shall serve a copy of the motion filed under subsection (1) of this section upon the person who was the plaintiff in the action under ORS 105.105 to 105.168. Within 30 days of service of the motion, if a written objection is filed, the court shall schedule a hearing.
- "(3) If, under subsection (2) of this section, no objection is filed or after a hearing the court determines that the applicant is eligible for relief under subsection (1) of this section, the court shall enter an appropriate order setting aside the judgment and sealing the official records of the action

- pertaining to the applicant. Upon entry of the order, the judgment that is 1 the subject of the motion shall be deemed not to have been entered, and the 2 applicant may answer accordingly any questions relating to its occurrence. 3
- "(4) The court may not charge a filing fee for the filing of a motion under 4 subsection (1) of this section.

"SECTION 12. The amendments to ORS 90.303 and 105.163 by sections 10 and 11 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 2, 2028.

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- "SECTION 13. Section 14 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 90.
- "SECTION 14. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 90.262 (3) or 90.510 (7), a landlord may not enforce a restriction by any means including assessing a fee or terminating the tenancy, if the restriction is based on:
- "(a) A maximum occupancy guideline for the number of tenants or guests lower than an amount required by federal, state or local law or regulation;
  - "(b) The maximum duration of a guest's stay in the tenancy.
- "(2) If a tenant's guest resides in the dwelling unit more than 15 days in any 12-month period, a landlord may require that:
- "(a) The tenant's guest satisfy the screening or admissions criteria ordinarily considered by the landlord for tenants, except that the landlord may not use criteria related to credit reports, credit references or income; and
- "(b) The tenant and the guest enter into a temporary occupancy agreement as provided in ORS 90.275, except that the landlord may not require that the agreement have an ending date earlier than February 28, 2022.
  - "(3) This section does not prohibit a landlord from assessing a fee

1	allowed by ORS 90.302 or terminating a tenancy based upon the con-
2	duct of a tenant's guest or based on the tenant's guest's failure to
3	comply with subsection (2) of this section.
4	"(4) Notwithstanding ORS 90.403 or 90.412, acceptance of a payment
5	by a landlord from the tenant or guest does not make the guest a
6	tenant under this chapter.
7	"(5) As used in this section, 'guest' means an individual who is
8	staying temporarily, including overnight, within the dwelling unit at
9	the invitation of the tenant.
10	"SECTION 15. Section 14 of this 2021 Act is repealed on March 1,
11	2022.
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13	"UNIT CAPTIONS
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15	"SECTION 16. The unit captions used in this 2021 Act are provided
16	only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the
17	statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the
18	enactment of this 2021 Act.
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20	"EMERGENCY CLAUSE
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22	"SECTION 17. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
23	preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is

declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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