

THOMAS J. VILSACK GOVERNOR

## **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

SALLY J. PEDERSON LT. GOVERNOR

March 29, 2004

The Honorable Chester Culver Secretary of State State Capitol Building L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2070, an Act relating to duties and activities of the State Department of Transportation, including the registration and titling of motor vehicles, regulation of electric personal assistive mobility devices, and issuance of commercial driver's licenses, and providing effective dates.

Senate File 2118, an Act regarding public utility rights-of-way and providing an effective date.

Senate File 2167, an Act relating to the Iowa Probate Code, including provisions relating to estate recovery of medical assistance benefits, the power to disclaim property interests, and trusts.

Senate File 2199, an Act relating to residential landlord-tenant law, by making certain changes concerning family violence and domestic abuse.

The above Senate Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate Chief Clerk of the House

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SENATE FILE 2199

## AN ACT

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT LAW, BY MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING FAMILY VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC ABUSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 562A.27A, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding section 562A.27 or 648.3, if a tenant has created or maintained a threat constituting a clear and present danger to the health or safety of other tenants, the landlord, the landlord's employee or agent, or other persons on or within one thousand feet of the landlord's property, the landlord, after the service of a single three days' written notice of termination and notice to quit stating the specific activity causing the clear and present danger, and setting forth the language of subsection 3 which includes certain exemption provisions available to the tenant, may file suit against the tenant for recovery of possession of the premises pursuant to chapter 648, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3. The petition shall state the incident or incidents giving rise to the notice of termination and notice to quit. The tenant shall be given the opportunity to contest the termination in the court proceedings by notice thereof at least three days prior to the hearing.

Sec. 2. Section 562B.25A, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding section 562B.25 or 648.3, if a tenant has created or maintained a threat constituting a clear and present danger to the health or safety of other tenants, the

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landlord, the landlord's employee or agent, or other persons on or within one thousand feet of the landlord's property, the landlord, after <u>the service of</u> a single three days' written notice of termination and notice to quit <u>stating the specific</u> <u>activity causing the clear and present danger, and setting</u> <u>forth the language of subsection 3 which includes certain</u> <u>exemption provisions available to the tenant</u>, may file suit against the tenant for recovery of possession of the premises pursuant to chapter 648, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3. The petition shall state the incident or incidents giving rise to the notice of termination and notice to quit. The tenant shall be given the opportunity to contest the termination in the court proceedings by notice thereof at least three days prior to the hearing.

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI President of the Senate

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2199, Eightieth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL Secretary of the Senate

Approved Manch 29, 2004

THOMAS J. VILSACK Governor