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HOUSE FILE 407
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an increase in the amount of punitive
2 damages a tenant may recover from a landlord's bad faith
3 retention of a security deposit.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 562A.12, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. The bad faith retention of a deposit by a landlord, or
4 any portion of the rental deposit, in violation of this
5 section shall subject the landlord to punitive damages not to
6 exceed ~~two~~ five hundred dollars in addition to actual damages.

7 Sec. 2. Section 562B.13, subsection 8, Code 2003, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 8. The bad faith retention of a deposit by a landlord, or
10 any portion of the rental deposit, in violation of this
11 section shall subject the landlord to punitive damages not to
12 exceed ~~two~~ five hundred dollars in addition to actual damages.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides for an increase in the amount of
15 punitive damages a tenant, including a mobile home park
16 tenant, may recover for a landlord's bad faith retention of a
17 security deposit from \$200 to \$500.

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