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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to application fees charged by landlords to
2 prospective tenants.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 562A.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. If a person is required to pay an
4 application fee to a landlord prior to entering into a rental
5 agreement, the landlord shall refund fifty percent of the
6 application fee to the person if the applicant is not selected
7 as a tenant by the landlord to rent the dwelling unit.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill provides that if a person pays an application fee
12 to a landlord and is not selected as a tenant, the landlord must
13 refund the person 50 percent of the application fee.

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