
SENATE BILL 6227

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By Senators Franklin, Fairley and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to setting limits on rental late fees; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A landlord may not charge a fee for late payment of the
7 tenant's portion of the rent in excess of ten percent of the tenant's
8 rent or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.

9 (2) A landlord may not charge a late payment fee more than once per
10 month or within the first five days after rent is due.

11 (3) A rental agreement may not impose any interest, penalty, or
12 fee, associated with the failure to pay rent, except as authorized by
13 this section.

14 (4) Any fee imposed in excess of the amounts allowed by this
15 section is void and unenforceable.

16 (5) A landlord may not evict a tenant for failure to pay a late
17 payment fee, but may deduct the late payment fee amount from the

1 tenant's security deposit.

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