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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Alzate, Henries, McGaw, Batista, Morales,
Stewart, Felix, Sanchez, and Speakman

Date Introduced: January 25, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34-18 of the General Laws entitled "Residential Landlord and Tenant
2 Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **34-18-58. Statewide rental registry.**

4 (a) All persons, corporations, organizations, associations or other legal entities owning and
5 leasing property in the State of Rhode Island shall register for each property to be leased, the
6 following information with the secretary of state:

7 (1) Owner's name, address, phone number and email address.

8 (2) If a corporation, the name, address and phone number of the registered agent.

9 (3) The name, address and telephone number of the property manager.

10 (4) The name, address and telephone number of the agent for service of process.

11 (b) The secretary of state, or designee, shall compile a report setting forth the information
12 obtained in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, no later than December 1 of every year,
13 commencing December 1, 2023. The report shall be made available to the public and be posted on
14 the website of the secretary of state.

15 (c) Any person, corporation, organization, association or other legal entity who fails to
16 comply with subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of one hundred dollars
17 (\$100) per month, per property, payable to the secretary of state.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all property owners of rental property to file with the secretary of
2 state notice of their name, address, telephone number, email address and other information. The
3 secretary of state would be required to compile a report of all the required information and make
4 such report available to the public. Any property owner of rental property who fails to comply with
5 the requirements of filing the necessary information with the secretary of state will be subject to a
6 civil fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per property, per month.

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