STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 876 By: Milacek

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to landlord and tenant; amending 41 O.S. 2001, Section 132, which relates to rights and duties of the landlord; making certain act by tenant a misdemeanor; providing for punishment; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 41 O.S. 2001, Section 132, is amended to read as follows:

Section 132. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, if there is a noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or with Section 127 of this title which noncompliance can be remedied by repair, replacement of a damaged item, or cleaning and the tenant fails to comply as promptly as conditions require in the case of an emergency or within ten (10) days after written notice served as provided in subsection E of Section 111 of this title by the landlord specifying the breach and requiring that the tenant remedy it within that period of time, the landlord may enter the dwelling unit and cause the work to be done in a workmanlike manner and thereafter submit the itemized bill for the actual and reasonable cost or the fair and reasonable value thereof as rent on the next date rent is due, or if the rental agreement has terminated, for immediate payment. If the landlord remedies the breach as provided in this subsection, the landlord may not terminate the rental agreement by reason of the tenant's failure to remedy the breach.

B. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, if there is a material noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or with any provision of Section 127 of this title, the landlord may deliver to the tenant a written notice served as provided in subsection E of Section 111 of this title specifying the acts and omissions constituting the noncompliance and that the rental agreement will terminate upon a date not less than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice unless remedied within ten (10) days. If the breach is not remedied within ten (10) days from receipt of the notice, the rental agreement shall terminate as provided in the notice. If within the ten (10) days the tenant adequately remedies the breach complained of, or if the landlord remedies the breach according to the provisions of subsection A of this section, the rental agreement shall not terminate by reason of the breach. Any subsequent breach of the lease or noncompliance under this section shall be grounds, upon written notice to the tenant, for immediate termination of the lease.

C. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, if there is a noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or with any of the provisions of Section 127 of this title, which noncompliance causes or threatens to cause imminent and irremediable harm to the premises or to any person and which noncompliance is not remedied by the tenant as promptly as conditions require after the tenant has notice of it, the landlord may terminate the rental agreement by immediately filing a forcible entry and detainer action.

D. <u>Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, if there is a noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or with any provisions of Section 127 of this title, the tenant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), or by</u>

imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. Any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right of peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants committed by a tenant or by any member of the tenant's household or any guest or other person under the tenant's control or is a danger to the premises and any drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises by the tenant or by any member of the tenant's household or any guest or other person under the tenant's control shall be grounds for immediate termination of the lease.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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