

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 200 authorizes a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking to terminate a lease without penalty by providing written notice and either a protective order or a police report of an incident of the violent event within 30 days of the incident to his or her landlord. The landlord may waive the 30-day deadline. The measure also provides for the perpetrator to be held civilly liable for any economic loss incurred by the landlord as a result of the early lease termination. Additionally, the measure prohibits any landlord from denying renewal of or terminating a lease because the applicant or tenant is a victim or alleged victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking regardless of whether there exists a current protective order. The measure also prohibits any landlord from denying an applicant tenancy or retaliate against a tenant because the applicant or tenant has previously terminated a rental agreement using the provisions outlined in this measure.

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