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Sponsor(s) Horn & others

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SENATE, No. 545

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Senators HORN, IMPERIALE, RUSSO, TUMULTY
and McGAHN

AN ACT concerning the payment of rent by certain persons.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. A person to whom rent is due and payable on the first of the
2 month upon a lease or other agreement shall allow a period of 5
3 days grace in which the rent due shall be paid. No delinquency or
4 other late charge shall be made which includes the 5-day grace
5 period.

1 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be a dis-
2 orderly person.

1 3. The provisions of this act shall only be applicable to premises
2 rented or leased by senior citizens receiving Social Security Old
3 Age Pensions, Railroad Retirement Pensions or other governmental
4 pensions in lieu of Social Security Old Age Pensions.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, BANKING AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 545

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 1976

This legislation would require landlords to allow certain senior citizens five days' grace on payment of rent when the rent is due and payable on the first of the month. This would apply to individuals who receive Social Security Old Age Pensions, Railroad Retirement Pensions or other governmental pensions in lieu of Social Security Old Age Pensions. Any individual who violates the provisions of this act would be held to be a disorderly person.

The bill also prohibits a delinquency or late charge which would include the five day grace period. The purpose of the grace period established by this legislation is to provide additional time to individuals whose pension checks are delayed in reaching them.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 545

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 1976

This bill permits senior citizens receiving Social Security Old Age Pensions, Railroad Retirement Pensions, or other governmental pensions in lieu of Social Security Old Age pensions to receive a 5-day grace period in the payment of rents during which no delinquency or other late charges may be imposed.

Violation of the provisions of the act is a disorderly persons offense.

OCTOBER 7, 1976

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BOB CONSTOCK

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law the following bills:

S-1072 - sponsored by Senator William V. Musto (D-Hudson), an amendment to the Waterfront and Airport Commission Act. New York enacted comparable legislation in 1975.

This bill provides that the Waterfront Commission may suspend a license or registration after the licensee or registrant has been charged with a crime equivalent to a felony in New York State or a high misdemeanor in New Jersey; and that such suspension will be terminated upon acquittal or dismissal of the criminal charge. The temporary suspension will be terminated if the commission fails to begin a hearing within 60 days of the suspension or to render a verdict within 30 days of the conclusion of testimony.

"This new law will expedite consideration of charges against waterfront employees," said Byrne. "In some cases, temporary suspensions have continued for more than a year, only to have the employee finally vindicated. That is clearly unfair. This law will assure it does not happen again."

S-545 - sponsored by Senator John J. Horn (D-Camden) provides senior citizens receiving Social Security old age pensions, Railroad Retirement Pensions or other government pensions with a five-day grace period after the first of each month for paying rent due on that date.

Under the bill, landlords may not declare a rent delinquency or impose a late charge for payments made within the grace period. Violation of the law by landlords is a disorderly person offense.

"This bill is designed to protect tenants whose social security pension checks arrive a few days late as often happens," said the Governor. "Senior citizens should not be forced to pay late charges simply because pension checks are sent out on a schedule that does not exactly coincide with their due dates."

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