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Proposed amendments

No. 1 Keeping animal for temporary period

Page 5, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73B. Insert after line 26—

(2A) A tenant does not need the landlord's consent to keep an animal at residential premises for a period of less than 3 months.

No. 2 Period for landlord's response

Page 6, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73D(1)(b), line 1. Omit "21 days". Insert instead "14 days".

No. 3 Supporting documents

Page 6, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73D. Insert after line 11—

(3A) The response must also include, or be accompanied by, any relevant supporting documents or information.

No. 4 Applications and responses to Secretary

Page 6, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73D. Insert after line 11—

- (3B) The landlord or landlord's agent must give a copy of the following to the Secretary as soon as practicable after the response is given to the tenant—
 - (a) the application,
 - (b) the response,
 - (c) the supporting documents or information given with the response.
- (3C) The Secretary must publish, on a government website, annual reports for each year showing the following—
 - (a) the number of applications made for consent,
 - (b) the number of applications for which consent was given,
 - (c) the number of times each of the reasonable conditions was made part of the consent,
 - (d) the number of applications for which consent was refused,
 - (e) the number of times each of the grounds for refusal was used as a basis for the refusal,
 - (f) other matters prescribed by the regulations.

No. 5 Cleaning of carpets and fumigation

Page 6, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73E(2)(b)(i) and (ii), lines 27–29. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (i) if reasonable for the species of animal and the premises and necessary because of the condition of carpets caused by the animal—to have the carpets cleaned, and
- (ii) for a mammal, if necessary because of the condition of the premises caused by the mammal—to have the premises fumigated,

No. 6 Fencing

Page 7, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 73F(1)(b)(i), line 8. Insert "and cannot be reasonably remedied" after "appropriate".

No. 7 Consent remains in force

Page 8, Schedule 1[9]. Insert after line 18—

73I Effect of consent

- (1) A consent continues in force while the tenant resides in the residential premises for the lifetime of the animal despite any change in the following—
 - (a) the landlord,
 - (b) the landlord's agent,
 - (c) the residential tenancy agreement.
- (2) This section is a term of every residential tenancy agreement.