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H.B. No. 2695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting tenant lockouts for failure to pay rent.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 92.0081(b), Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A landlord may not intentionally prevent a tenant from entering the leased premises except by judicial process unless the exclusion results from:

(1) bona fide repairs, construction, or an emergency;

or

(2) removing the contents of premises abandoned by a tenant [~~;~~ ~~or~~

~~[(3) changing the door locks of a tenant who is delinquent in paying at least part of the rent].~~

SECTION 2. Sections 92.0081(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (i), Property Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.