

# SENATE BILL No. 509

May 17, 2007, Introduced by Senators SCOTT, GLEASON, BRATER, CLARKE, OLSHOVE, CHERRY, HUNTER, CLARK-COLEMAN and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 454, entitled  
"Truth in renting act,"  
(MCL 554.631 to 554.641) by adding section 4a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 4A. (1) IF A LANDLORD HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A  
2 STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY THAT THE RESIDENTIAL PREMISES THAT ARE THE  
3 SUBJECT OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT REST ON SOIL THAT IS CONTAMINATED  
4 WITH LEAD, THE LANDLORD SHALL NOTIFY ALL TENANTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
5 PREMISES NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE. ANY  
6 RENTAL AGREEMENT THAT IS ENTERED INTO ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
7 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN  
8 WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF ANY LEAD-CONTAMINATED SOIL THAT THE  
9 LANDLORD HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF FROM A STATE OR FEDERAL  
10 AGENCY AT THE TIME THE RENTAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

11           (2) IF A LANDLORD FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1), A

1 TENANT MAY BRING AN ACTION FOR CIVIL DAMAGES THAT THE TENANT HAS  
2 INCURRED AS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE LANDLORD TO  
3 COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1) .

4 (3) A LANDLORD WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1) IS  
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR A STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE ASSESSED A  
6 CIVIL FINE OF \$5,000.00 FOR EACH SEPARATE VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION  
7 (1) .