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HOUSE BILL NO. 5119

Offered August 24, 2020

A BILL to make the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act applicable to certain occupants of hotels, motels, extended stay facilities, or boardinghouses during and immediately after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patrons—Jenkins (By Request), Bourne, Cole, J.G., Hope, Levine, McQuinn, Rasoul and Samirah

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection D of § 55.1-1201 of the Code of Virginia, beginning with the effective date of this act and ending 90 days after the expiration or revocation of all states of emergency declared by the Governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic, (i) a person who lacks permanent shelter and who is an occupant of a hotel, motel, extended stay facility, or boardinghouse and who uses such lodging as his primary residence for at least seven consecutive days and (ii) the innkeeper or property owner of such lodging, or his agent, shall be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (§ 55.1-1200 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) as tenant and landlord. If a person lacking permanent shelter pays in advance for at least seven consecutive days of stay in a hotel, motel, extended stay facility, or boardinghouse, or has seven days of stay paid for in advance by a third party on his behalf, the innkeeper or property owner shall be subject to the provisions of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act as soon as such payment is made.

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