

Subject:Rental safety bill - section 5, para (b)

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Dear Rep. Head,

As we understand it, the only remaining difference with the Health Department concerns the provision in section 5, paragraph (b) on page 6, line 12 of draft 4.1 dated 2/16/2018. The language we propose is as follows:

(b) If a local health officer fails to conduct an investigation pursuant to section 602a of this title or fails to issue an inspection report pursuant to this section, a landlord or tenant may request that the Department, at its discretion, to conduct an investigation and issue an inspection report or contact the Local Board of Health to take action.

Lillian had suggested language, which I believe you have seen:

(b) If a local health officer fails to conduct an investigation pursuant to section 602a of this title or fails to issue an inspection report pursuant to this section, a landlord or tenant may consult with the Department, Division of Environmental Health, and request action be taken by the Local Board of Health. ~~request the Department to conduct an investigation and issue an inspection report.~~

Our language was an attempt to meet her objections to the language in draft 4.1 halfway.

I believe we are at an impasse and seek your guidance.

Thanks,
~erhard

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