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Overview

This bill provides notice to tenants on infestations and chemical treatments related to infestations; provides penalties for failure to comply with the notice requirements; and appropriates money for grants for heating units to stop and control the spread of bedbugs.

Section

1 Residential tenant's right to notice; infestation and chemical treatment history.

Subd. 1. Notice of infestation history. Requires a written notice from a landlord to a tenant identifying infestations and treatments for the infestations of rental properties over the preceding 12 months, such as bedbugs, rodents, fleas, or cockroaches.

Subd. 2. Notice of chemical treatment. Requires the landlord to provide five days notice about chemical treatments used to treat for infestations and the requirements of what must be in the notice.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Provides a penalty for failure to comply with the disclosure and notice including damages, attorneys' fees, injunctive relief, and a civil penalty.

Subd. 4. Affirmative defense. Provides that giving the notice required under subdivision 1 or subdivision 2 is an affirmative defense to a violation of this law.

Subd. 5. Remedies. Provides that a lease cannot waive the requirements in this bill and that other remedies under the law are not altered by this bill.

Section

- 2** **Appropriation; Heating units.** Appropriates money in fiscal year 2016 to the commissioner of health for a competitive grants program to allow nonprofits to purchase heat units to stop and control the spread of bedbugs.