



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0022

Security Deposit Alternatives

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: March 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:25 PM

Time (Ending): 3:25 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~50

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

- Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a
- Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
- Agency reports read?..... yes no n/a
- Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
- Evidence of notification to property owners?..... yes no n/a
- Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember Sharon Green Middleton

Seconded by:.....Councilmember Robert Stokes

Final Vote:..... Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ms. Nikki Thompson, Office of the President
- Ms. Elena DiPietro, Department of Law
- Mr. Bill Wells, Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC)

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives, and read the bill title and purpose into the record. She provided general comments about her sponsorship of the bill.
2. The committee asked questions and discussed amendments. Discussion centered on how residential security deposit insurance applies to a tenant and landlord; how State law regulates surety bonds; whether security deposits can be collected as additional rent; payout of claims and the tenant's right to appeal claims; and prior inspection and documentation of the condition of leased units.
3. The committee voted to approve certain amendments.
4. The committee approved the bill favorable as amended.

Further Study

Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.

Yes No

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:Yea
John Bullock:Yea
Mark Conway:Yea
Ryan Dorsey:Nay
Antonio Glover:Yea
Robert Stokes:Yea
Odette Ramos:Nay

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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