



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1603

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Yolonda Morris

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 705/35 new

Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. Prohibits a landlord or lessor from refusing to rent to, deny housing to, or impose conditions on a lessee or tenant based on the breed of a dog or dogs in residential housing that contains more than 3 units of housing. Provides that nothing in the Act affects the ability of a unit of local government to enforce provisions of the Animal Control Act regarding a dangerous dog or vicious dog. Provides that if a lessor or landlord violates these provisions, upon request of the affected lessee or tenant, the Illinois Housing Development Authority must investigate the matter. Provides that if the Authority finds that a lessor or landlord has violated the Act, it must commence an action or proceeding in the circuit court of the county in which the premises are situated to stop the violation either by mandamus or injunction. Provides that the amendatory Act applies to a renewal or modification of residential leases that contain more than 3 units of housing after the effective date of the Act and for new residential leases entered into after that date.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Landlord and Tenant Act is amended by
5 adding Section 35 as follows:

6 (765 ILCS 705/35 new)

7 Sec. 35. Restriction on dog breeds.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 (1) "Dangerous dog" has the same meaning as in the
10 Animal Control Act.

11 (2) "Dog" has the same meaning as in the Animal
12 Control Act.

13 (3) "Vicious dog" has the same meaning as in the
14 Animal Control Act.

15 (b) A landlord or lessor may not refuse to rent to, deny
16 housing to, or impose conditions on a lessee or tenant based on
17 the breed of a dog or dogs in residential housing that contains
18 more than 3 units of housing.

19 (c) Nothing in this Section affects the ability of a unit
20 of local government to enforce provisions of the Animal
21 Control Act regarding a dangerous dog or vicious dog.

22 (d) If a lessor or landlord violates the provisions of
23 this Section, upon request of the affected lessee or tenant,

1 the Illinois Housing Development Authority must investigate
2 the matter. If the Authority finds that a lessor or landlord
3 has violated this Section, it must commence an action or
4 proceeding in the circuit court of the county in which the
5 premises are situated to stop the violation either by mandamus
6 or injunction.

7 (e) This Section applies to a renewal or modification of
8 residential leases that contain more than 3 units of housing
9 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
10 General Assembly and to new residential leases entered into
11 after that date.