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**RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AMENDMENT BILL  
2015**

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# **RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

*(Brought in by the Minister for Human Services, the  
Honourable Jacqueline Anne Petrusma)*

## **A BILL FOR**

**An Act to amend the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997***

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by  
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and  
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

## **PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Residential  
Tenancy Amendment Act 2015*.

### **2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which this  
Act receives the Royal Assent.

*Residential Tenancy Amendment Act 2015*  
*Act No. of*

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Part 2 – Amendment of Residential Tenancy Act 1997

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**PART 2 – AMENDMENT OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCY  
ACT 1997**

**3. Principal Act**

In this Part, the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997*\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Section 39 amended (Effect of notice of termination)**

Section 39 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by omitting paragraph (ab) from subsection (1);
- (b) by omitting paragraph (c) from subsection (4) and substituting the following paragraph:
  - (c) a date, specified in a notice of termination in respect of the premises, is a date that is not 14 days or more after the notice is served on the owner –
- (c) by omitting from subsection (4) “21 days” second occurring and substituting “14 days”.

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\*No. 82 of 1997

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**5. Section 57 amended (Locks and security devices)**

Section 57 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2B) and substituting the following subsection:

- (2B) A tenant may, without the authority of an order of the Court or the consent of the owner of the residential premises, add, alter or remove any lock or other security device –
- (a) if –
    - (i) an FVO, within the meaning of the *Family Violence Act 2004*, is in force under that Act; or
    - (ii) a PFVO, within the meaning of the *Family Violence Act 2004*, is in force under that Act; and
  - (b) the FVO or PFVO was made for the purpose of protecting the tenant.

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*Act No. of*

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Part 3 – Amendment of Residential Tenancy Amendment Act 2013

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**PART 3 – AMENDMENT OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCY  
AMENDMENT ACT 2013**

**6. Principal Act**

In this Part, the *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act 2013*\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

**7. Section 19 amended (Part 3B inserted)**

Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (b)(ii) of new section 36L “4 functioning heating elements” and substituting “3 functioning heating elements”.

**8. Section 26 amended (Section 55A inserted)**

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from new section 55A “ of the premises that displays any object in the premises that may identify the tenant or another person or that belongs to the tenant” and substituting “, film or video recording of the premises that displays any object in the premises that may identify the tenant or another person”.

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\*No. 45 of 2013

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*Act No. of*

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**PART 4 – REPEAL OF ACT**

**9. Repeal of Act**

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.