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AN ACT

To repeal section 82.1050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to registration of landlords, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 82.1050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as section 82.1050, to read as follows:

82.1050. 1. Beginning January 1, [2001] **2008**, any landlord who leases real property located in any **home rule** city with [a population of] more than four hundred thousand inhabitants **and located in more than one county** shall submit a registration form to the governing body of such city pursuant to this section.

5 2. The registration form shall be developed by the governing body of such city and shall 6 contain:

(1) The name, personal address, business address and telephone numbers of the landlord;

8 (2) The address of each property located in the city that is owned and leased by the 9 landlord; and

10 (3) The name, address and phone number of a person who will serve as a legal 11 representative of the landlord for purposes of receiving public safety violations, code violations

12 or other violations of any kind involving the property listed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this

13 subsection. In the event no legal representative is named pursuant to this subdivision, the

14 landlord shall serve as his or her own legal representative for purposes of this subdivision. Any

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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person serving as a legal representative shall reside in or shall have a legal representative who resides in the city wherein the property is located.

3. The city shall compile the registration forms submitted pursuant to this section for the purposes of ensuring greater efficiency in compliance with, and enforcement of, local public safety and code regulations. On or before July 1, [2002] **2008**, and on or before every July first thereafter, the city shall issue a report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate as to the effectiveness of the compilation of the forms in ensuring greater efficiency in compliance with, and enforcement of, public safety and code regulations.

4. [This section shall be of no force and effect on or after January 1, 2006.] Each period of twenty-nine days that a landlord fails to register under this section shall constitute a separate violation. Each violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars. All fines collected under this section shall be credited to the city's municipal court fund.

5. Any owner or partial owner of real property requiring a legal representative under this section that does not have a legal representative shall not have the right to purchase any property sold for the collection of taxes or held within the land trust of any county or municipality in this state. If any such owner or partial owner makes such a purchase, the sale shall be considered void and the title to the property shall be returned to the taxing jurisdiction or the land trust, and the purchaser shall forfeit the purchase price.

6. For purposes of this section, "owner" means the owner of record as recorded with the county recorder of deeds at the time and date that the violation of this section becomes a matter of record in the city in which the property is located. Subsequent property transfers shall not affect any actions assigned to the city, owner, or legal representative under this section.

The designation of a legal representative for any real property owned by a
limited liability company, corporation, or partnership shall be the responsibility of the
owner's representative as registered with the office of the secretary of state.

8. A designated legal representative may resign such position upon notification to the city clerk or the clerk's assignee upon the form supplied by the clerk and upon notification to the owner of record. Such notice may be provided by registered mail and shall be given at least thirty calendar days before the effective date of the resignation. Such resignation shall not void any violations or penalties applicable to violations before the date of resignation.