

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 150

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOLL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 441, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to rental protections for persons diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder.

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

Section A. Chapter 441, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 441.925, to read as follows:

**441.925. 1. As used in this section, "posttraumatic stress disorder" means a 2 condition of persistent mental and emotional stress occurring as a result of injury or 3 severe psychological shock, typically involving disturbance of sleep and constant vivid 4 recall of the experience, with dulled responses to others and to the outside world.**

5       **2. No applicant, tenant, or lessee shall be denied tenancy, be evicted from a 6 premises, or be found to be in violation of a lease agreement on the basis of or as a direct 7 result of the fact that the applicant, tenant, or lessee has been diagnosed with 8 posttraumatic stress disorder if the applicant, tenant, or lessee otherwise qualifies for 9 tenancy or occupancy in the premises.**

10       **3. In any action brought by a landlord against a tenant under this chapter, 11 chapter 534, or chapter 535, a tenant shall have an affirmative defense and not be liable 12 for rent if:**

13           **(1) The tenant vacates the premises owned by the landlord prior to the 14 expiration of the lease; and**

15           **(2) The tenant notifies the landlord that the tenant has been diagnosed with 16 posttraumatic stress disorder and provides documentation of such diagnosis from the 17 tenant's physician.**

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.

18       **4. The submission of false documentation by an applicant, tenant, or lessee**  
19 **under this section may be a basis for a denial of tenancy, eviction, or a violation of a**  
20 **lease agreement.**

21       **5. The provisions of this section shall apply only to residential properties.**

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