

House Bill 2764

Sponsored by Representative DOHERTY

SUMMARY

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Prohibits landlord in evaluating applicant for residential tenancy from requesting information about applicant's criminal history and from considering criminal history prior to performing criminal screening.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to evaluation of applicant for residential tenancy; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 90.303.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 90.303 is amended to read:

6 90.303. (1) When evaluating an applicant, a landlord may not consider an action to recover
7 possession pursuant to ORS 105.105 to 105.168 if the action:

8 (a) Was dismissed or resulted in a general judgment for the applicant before the [*applicant sub-*
9 *mits the application*] **landlord screens the applicant as described in ORS 90.295 (1)**. This para-
10 graph does not apply if the action has not resulted in a dismissal or general judgment at the time
11 the applicant submits the application.

12 (b) Resulted in a general judgment against the applicant that was entered five or more years
13 before the applicant submits the application.

14 (2) When evaluating the applicant, a landlord may not consider a previous arrest of the appli-
15 cant if the arrest did not result in a conviction. This subsection does not apply if the arrest has
16 resulted in charges for criminal behavior as described in subsection (3)(b) of this section that have
17 not been dismissed at the time the [*applicant submits the application*] **landlord screens the appli-**
18 **cant as described in ORS 90.295 (1)**.

19 (3) When evaluating the applicant[,]:

20 (a) **The landlord may not question the applicant, verbally or in writing, regarding the**
21 **criminal conviction or charging history of the applicant prior to screening the applicant.**

22 (b) **After screening the applicant**, the landlord may consider criminal conviction and charging
23 history if the conviction or pending charge is for conduct that is:

24 [(a)] (A) A drug-related crime;

25 [(b)] (B) A person crime;

26 [(c)] (C) A sex offense;

27 [(d)] (D) A crime involving financial fraud, including identity theft and forgery; or

28 [(e)] (E) Any other crime if the conduct for which the applicant was convicted or charged is of
29 a nature that would adversely affect:

30 [(A)] (i) Property of the landlord or a tenant; or

31 [(B)] (ii) The health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises of residents, the

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 landlord or the landlord's agent.

2 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 90.303 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to appli-**
3 **cations for tenancy dated on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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