
SENATE BILL 6121

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1 AN ACT Relating to protection orders involving tenants; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) If a tenant is the petitioner in an action for a protection
7 order under chapter 26.50 RCW and he or she notifies the landlord of
8 the existence of a protection order that excludes the respondent from
9 the dwelling unit that the parties share, the petitioner may request
10 the landlord to change the locks of the rental premises. The landlord
11 may change or rekey the locks and may charge the petitioner a
12 reasonable fee for the service.

13 (2) The issuance of the protection order shall not relieve the
14 respondent from the financial obligations of the rental agreement or
15 lease.

16 (3) The petitioner shall notify the landlord of the expiration date
17 of the protection order, if any.

1 (4) Nothing in this section affects any duty on the part of the
2 landlord to provide security or to take other actions to protect the
3 petitioner from harm.

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