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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 630, L.D. 781, Bill,
"AN ACT to Prohibit Housing Discrimination Against Families
with Children."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of subsection 1 of
that part designated "§6022." and inserting in its
place the following:

'1. Nondiscrimination. It is unlawful and opposed to public
policy for any landlord or his agent to have as a condition
precedent to the leasing of any dwelling unit a requirement
as to the number of children that the prospective tenant may
have residing in the unit; provided that any landlord may
refuse to lease a dwelling unit if the size of the family
with those children would exceed the number permitted by local
zoning, municipal ordinance or reasonable standards of human
health and sanitation or if the dwelling unit is unsuitable
for rental to a family with children under Title 22, chapter 252.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of subsection
4 of that part designated "§6022." and inserting in its place
the following:

'4. Exemption. This section shall not apply to any tenancy
for a residential dwelling unit that is owned by a landlord
who owns a total of 10 or fewer rental dwelling units
or one that is part of a public housing project subject to
federal regulation.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment establishes exemptions from the requirement not to exclude children from rental units for units that are not in conformity with the lead paint statutes or are part of a public housing project. It also raises the exemption for landlords that own several units from 5 to 10.

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