

BILL

No. 616

An Act to Amend *The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* to provide for a Right to Know about Bed Bugs and Mandatory Reporting by Landlords

(Assented to)

Preamble

WHEREAS bed bugs are a growing problem in Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS the eradication of bed bugs is in the interest of landlords and tenants;

AND WHEREAS tenants have the right to make an informed decision about potential accommodation;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 *The Bed Bugs – Right to Know Act.*

S.S. 2006, c.R-22.0001 amended

2 *The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 2 amended

3 **Section 2 is amended by adding the following clause after clause (a):**

“(a.1) **bed bug** means *cimex lectularius*, commonly known as a bed bug”.

New section 18.1

4 **The following section is added after section 18:**

“Bed bug information report and form

“18.1(1) Before entering into a tenancy agreement, the landlord shall provide to the prospective tenant a report stating:

(a) whether any information has come to the landlord’s attention during the previous three-year period with respect to bed bugs in the rental unit or in any other rental unit in the residential complex; and

(b) if any information has come to the landlord’s attention, details with respect to the information.

(2) The bed bug information report referred to in subsection (1) shall be in a form provided by the Rentalsman”.

Section 55 amended

5 **The following clause is added after clause 55(1)(a):**

“(a.1) the landlord fails to make the report mentioned in section 18.1”.

Coming into force

6(1) Subject to subsection 2, this Act comes into force on Assent.

(2) This Act comes into force on the first day of the month following the month in which this Act receives Royal Assent.

