

Senate Urban Affairs & Housing Committee

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Summary Senate Bill 887, P.N. 903

Prime Sponsor: Senator Browne

- Amends The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951 requiring a tenant to remove personal property from the premises at the time the tenant relinquishes possession of the property either by:
 - Execution of an order of possession in favor of the premises
 - If the tenant has physically vacated the premises, removed substantially all
 personal property and has provided a forwarding address or written notice
 stating they have vacated the premises
- The legislation requires the tenant to notify the landlord within 10 days of receiving notice from the landlord that items were left behind and that the tenant intends to retrieve the items.
 - o If there has been no contact, the landlord may dispose of the property at the end of 10 days
 - If the tenant does make contact with the landlord within the 10 days, the landlord must hold the property for 30 days, but the tenant will be responsible for any storage fees incurred during this timeframe.
- Written notice of these provisions must be in a writ or order or, if no writ is issued, the landlord must notify the tenant in writing
- This act shall take effect in 60 days.

