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~~(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR EVERY DWELLING UNIT IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING ANY DWELLING UNITS CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(2) THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$5 FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT.~~

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR COMPILING AND PERIODICALLY UPDATING A LIST OF RENTAL DWELLING UNITS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OWNERS OF THE RENTAL DWELLING UNITS.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A REGISTRATION FEE FOR EVERY RENTAL DWELLING UNIT IN THE STATE.

(3) FOR THE PERIOD OF FISCAL YEARS 1993 AND 1994, THE AGGREGATE REGISTRATION FEE SHALL BE \$5-\$3\$2 FOR EACH RENTAL DWELLING UNIT.

(4) THE REGISTRATION FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY RENTAL DWELLING UNIT:

(I) BUILT AFTER 1978;

(II) OWNED BY A PERSON WHO OWNS 4 OR FEWER RENTAL DWELLING UNITS IN THE STATE; OR

(III) OWNED AND OPERATED BY A UNIT OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY PUBLIC, QUASI-PUBLIC, OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(5) AN OWNER WHO FAILS TO PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION IS LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO TRIPLE THE AMOUNT OF EACH REGISTRATION FEE UNPAID, TO BE COLLECTED IN A CIVIL ACTION IN ANY CIRCUIT COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. CIVIL PENALTIES SHALL BE PAID INTO THE PREVENTION FUND.

~~(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL COLLECT AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FEE FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT OR PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE A DWELLING UNIT OR PROPERTY MAY BECOME A CERTIFIED DWELLING UNIT OR CERTIFIED PROPERTY FOR COVERAGE BY THE FUND.~~