City of Philadelphia

BILL NO. 200159

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Councilmembers Gym, Gauthier and Jones

**Referred to the
Committee on Law and Government**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to clarify and amend applicable procedures pertaining to the Fair Housing Commission, and to provide for the adoption of regulations; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

   SECTION 1. Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 9-800. LANDLORD AND TENANT

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§9-806. Procedure.

   (1) Upon any complaint made to the Commission or upon its own initiative, the Commission shall have the power to fix the date, time, and place when it shall conduct a hearing. Written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing shall be sent, at least 10 days prior to the hearing, to the owner or agent of the premises regarding which it is charged that an unfair rental practice has been committed. The notice shall set forth a brief statement of the facts upon which the complaint is based.

   (2) At the hearing the complainant, owner and his agent and their witnesses shall have an opportunity to appear and be represented by [counsel.] *an attorney representative. Each party may also be represented by a non-attorney representative to facilitate the factual presentation of the party's case.*

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(3)   Upon a finding that an unfair rental practice has been committed, the Commission shall issue an order appropriate under the circumstances.

(4)   If the owner or agent shall fail to appear, the Commission may issue a subpoena as provided in Section 8-409 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

(5)   The Commission is authorized to promulgate regulations for the implementation of this Chapter 9-800.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.