

I have been engaged in short term rentals thru the Airbnb platform for 15 years in various locations depending on where I lived at the time. I usually rented out a bedroom and bathroom with use of a common space in my home for 3 days or longer. In some cases the rental lasted 4-6 months. Usually it was for a week or two. In one case the couple lived in my place without me there while they looked for a home to purchase. In all other cases I was living in the home that provided the rental.

By renting out a room through Airbnb, I was permitted several benefits:

1. As a pensioner I was able to make sorely needed additional money in retirement. Usually anywhere from \$2,000 to \$15,000 a year.
2. It gave me an opportunity for social interaction with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and locations, several of whom became friends.
3. It allowed me to serve as an ambassador for my region and community.
4. It helped people travel with a reasonable amount of affordable expense. This meant that they came to my town and spent tourist dollars in shops and restaurants providing much needed income for others in my community.

I was very careful in screening applicants. I never had a single problem. And I was confident that if I did have a problem the Airbnb staff would help me find a solution and also cover me thru their insurance program should any unforeseen damage occur.

Please do not add unnecessary regulations that will make it unaffordable or cumbersome for those of us who need and enjoy short term rentals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Hubbard