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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3767.01, 3767.05, 4301.74, 1  
5321.02, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 2  
5321.172 and 5747.35 of the Revised Code to 3  
allow a tenant to terminate a rental agreement 4  
if the tenant is a victim of a specified crime 5  
and to authorize an income tax credit for 6  
landlords who rented to such tenants and to name 7  
this act the Ohio Safe Homes Act. 8

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3767.01, 3767.05, 4301.74, 9  
5321.02, and 5747.98 be amended and sections 5321.172 and 10  
5747.35 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 3767.01.** As used in all sections of the Revised Code 12  
relating to nuisances: 13

(A) "Place" includes any building, erection, or place or 14  
any separate part or portion thereof or the ground itself; 15

(B) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, 16

association, partnership, trustee, lessee, agent, or assignee; 17

(C) ~~"Nuisance"~~ (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) 18  
of this section, "nuisance" means any of the following: 19

~~(1)~~ (a) That which is defined and declared by statutes to 20  
be a nuisance; 21

~~(2)~~ (b) Any place in or upon which lewdness, assignation, 22  
or prostitution is conducted, permitted, continued, or exists, 23  
or any place, in or upon which lewd, indecent, lascivious, or 24  
obscene films or plate negatives, film or plate positives, films 25  
designed to be projected on a screen for exhibition films, or 26  
glass slides either in negative or positive form designed for 27  
exhibition by projection on a screen, are photographed, 28  
manufactured, developed, screened, exhibited, or otherwise 29  
prepared or shown, and the personal property and contents used 30  
in conducting and maintaining any such place for any such 31  
purpose. This chapter shall not affect any newspaper, magazine, 32  
or other publication entered as second class matter by the post- 33  
office department. 34

~~(3)~~ (c) Any room, house, building, boat, vehicle, 35  
structure, or place where beer or intoxicating liquor is 36  
manufactured, sold, bartered, possessed, or kept in violation of 37  
law and all property kept and used in maintaining the same, and 38  
all property designed for the unlawful manufacture of beer or 39  
intoxicating liquor and beer or intoxicating liquor contained in 40  
the room, house, building, boat, structure, or place, or the 41  
operation of such a room, house, building, boat, structure, or 42  
place as described in division ~~(C) (3)~~ (C) (1) (c) of this section 43  
where the operation of that place substantially interferes with 44  
public decency, sobriety, peace, and good order. "Violation of 45  
law" includes, but is not limited to, sales to any person under 46

the legal drinking age as prohibited in division (A) of section 47  
4301.22 or division (A) of section 4301.69 of the Revised Code 48  
and any violation of section 2913.46 or 2925.03 of the Revised 49  
Code. 50

(2) "Nuisance" does not include service calls to law 51  
enforcement relating to rape, attempted rape, domestic violence, 52  
dating violence, abuse, or a sexually oriented offense. 53

**Sec. 3767.05.** (A) The civil action provided for in section 54  
3767.03 of the Revised Code shall be set down for trial at the 55  
earliest possible time and shall have precedence over all other 56  
cases except those involving crimes, election contests, or 57  
injunctions regardless of the position of the proceedings on the 58  
calendar of the court. In the civil action, evidence of the 59  
general reputation of the place where the nuisance is alleged to 60  
exist or an admission or finding of guilt of any person under 61  
the criminal laws against prostitution, lewdness, assignation, 62  
or other prohibited conduct at the place is admissible for the 63  
purpose of proving the existence of the nuisance and is prima- 64  
facie evidence of the nuisance and of knowledge of and of 65  
acquiescence and participation in the nuisance on the part of 66  
the person charged with maintaining it. 67

(B) If the complaint for the permanent injunction is filed 68  
by a person who is a citizen of the county, it shall not be 69  
dismissed unless the complainant and the complainant's attorney 70  
submit a sworn statement setting forth the reasons why the civil 71  
action should be dismissed and the dismissal is approved by the 72  
prosecuting attorney in writing or in open court. If the person 73  
who files the complaint for the permanent injunction is a 74  
citizen of the county, if that person refuses or otherwise fails 75  
to prosecute the complaint to judgment, and if the civil action 76

is not dismissed pursuant to this division, then, with the approval of the court, the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the nuisance exists, or the village solicitor, city director of law, or other similar chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the nuisance exists, may be substituted for the complainant and prosecute the civil action to judgment.

(C) If the civil action is commenced by a person who is a citizen of the county where the nuisance is alleged to exist and the court finds that there were no reasonable grounds or cause for the civil action, the costs may be taxed to that person.

(D) If the existence of the nuisance is established upon the trial of the civil action, a judgment shall be entered that perpetually enjoins the defendant and any other person from further maintaining the nuisance at the place complained of and the defendant from maintaining the nuisance elsewhere.

(E) If the court finds that a nuisance described in division ~~(C) (3)~~ (C) (1) (c) of section 3767.01 of the Revised Code exists, the court shall order the nuisance to be abated, and, in entering judgment for nuisance, the court shall do all of the following:

(1) Specify that judgment is entered pursuant to division (E) of this section;

(2) Order that no beer or intoxicating liquor may be manufactured, sold, bartered, possessed, kept, or stored in the room, house, building, structure, place, boat, or vehicle or any part thereof. The court need not find that the property was being unlawfully used at the time of the hearing on the matter if the court finds there existed a nuisance as described in

division ~~(C) (3)~~ (C) (1) (c) of section 3767.01 of the Revised Code. 106  
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(3) Order that the room, house, building, boat, vehicle, 108  
structure, or place not be occupied or used for one year after 109  
the judgment is rendered. The court may permit the premises to 110  
be occupied by a person other than the defendant or a business 111  
affiliate of the defendant in the nuisance action, or an agent 112  
of, or entity owned in whole or part by, the defendant, if the 113  
person, lessee, tenant, or occupant of the location posts a bond 114  
with sufficient surety, to be approved by the court issuing the 115  
order, in the sum of not less than one thousand nor more than 116  
five thousand dollars, payable to the state of Ohio, on the 117  
condition that no beer or intoxicating liquor thereafter shall 118  
be manufactured, sold, bartered, possessed, kept, stored, 119  
transported, or otherwise disposed of on the premises, and the 120  
person agrees to pay all fines, costs, and damages that may be 121  
assessed for a violation. A reasonable sum shall be allowed an 122  
officer by the issuing court for the cost of closing and keeping 123  
closed the premises that is the subject of the nuisance action. 124

(4) Send notice of the judgment entered to the division of 125  
liquor control, the liquor control commission, and the liquor 126  
enforcement division of the department of public safety. 127

(F) A defendant found to have maintained a nuisance as 128  
described in division ~~(C) (3)~~ (C) (1) (c) of section 3767.01 of the 129  
Revised Code also is subject to liability and penalties under 130  
sections 4301.74 and 4399.09 of the Revised Code. The abatement 131  
of a nuisance under section 4399.09 of the Revised Code is in 132  
addition to and does not prevent the abatement of a nuisance 133  
under division (D) or (E) of this section. 134

(G) If a court enters judgment pursuant to division (D) or 135

(E) of this section finding that a nuisance exists at a liquor 136  
permit premises or as a result of the operation of a liquor 137  
permit premises, except in the case of a nuisance found as a 138  
result of a violation of a local zoning ordinance or resolution, 139  
the certified copy of the judgment required under division (A) 140  
of section 4301.331 of the Revised Code shall be filed with the 141  
board of elections in the county in which the nuisance exists, 142  
not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of 143  
the next general or primary election. However, no election shall 144  
be conducted on sales at the liquor permit premises under 145  
section 4301.352 of the Revised Code until all appeals on the 146  
judgment are resolved. The court of appeals shall render a 147  
decision on any appeal of the judgment within six months after 148  
the date of the filing of the appeal of the judgment with the 149  
clerk of the court of appeals, and the supreme court shall 150  
render a decision on any appeal of the judgment within six 151  
months after the date of the filing of the appeal of the 152  
judgment with the clerk of the supreme court. 153

**Sec. 4301.74.** Any person subject to an injunction, 154  
temporary or permanent, granted pursuant to division (D) or (E) 155  
of section 3767.05 of the Revised Code involving a condition 156  
described in division ~~(C) (3) or (4)~~ (C) (1) (c) of section 3767.01 157  
of the Revised Code shall obey such injunction. If such person 158  
violates such injunction, the court or in vacation a judge 159  
thereof, may summarily try and punish the violator. The 160  
proceedings for punishment for contempt shall be commenced by 161  
filing with the clerk of the court from which such injunction 162  
issued information under oath setting out the alleged facts 163  
constituting the violation, whereupon the court shall forthwith 164  
cause a warrant to issue under which the defendant shall be 165  
arrested. The trial may be had upon affidavits, or either party 166

may demand the production and oral examination of the witnesses. 167

**Sec. 5321.02.** (A) Subject to section 5321.03 of the 168  
Revised Code, a landlord may not retaliate against a tenant by 169  
increasing the tenant's rent, decreasing services that are due 170  
to the tenant, or bringing or threatening to bring an action for 171  
possession of the tenant's premises because: 172

(1) The tenant has complained to an appropriate 173  
governmental agency of a violation of a building, housing, 174  
health, or safety code that is applicable to the premises, and 175  
the violation materially affects health and safety; 176

(2) The tenant has complained to the landlord of any 177  
violation of section 5321.04 of the Revised Code; 178

(3) The tenant joined with other tenants for the purpose 179  
of negotiating or dealing collectively with the landlord on any 180  
of the terms and conditions of a rental agreement; 181

(4) Pursuant to section 5321.172 of the Revised Code, the 182  
tenant provided a notice of termination, indicated that the 183  
tenant might provide a notice of termination, installed a new 184  
lock or locks, or provided notice of the intention to install a 185  
new lock or locks. 186

(B) If a landlord acts in violation of division (A) of 187  
this section the tenant may: 188

(1) Use the retaliatory action of the landlord as a 189  
defense to an action by the landlord to recover possession of 190  
the premises; 191

(2) Recover possession of the premises; or 192

(3) Terminate the rental agreement. 193

In addition, the tenant may recover from the landlord any actual damages together with reasonable attorneys' fees.

(C) Nothing in division (A) of this section shall prohibit a landlord from increasing the rent to reflect the cost of improvements installed by the landlord in or about the premises or to reflect an increase in other costs of operation of the premises.

**Sec. 5321.172.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Co-tenant" means an individual, who is not a named individual, who is a party to a rental agreement with a tenant seeking protection under this section.

(2) "Domestic violence" has the same meaning as in section 3113.31 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Health care professional" means a physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner, or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited, or certified to perform health care services consistent with state law.

(4) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Mental health professional" has the same meaning as in section 2305.51 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Named individual" means an individual identified in a qualifying protection order as restrained from contact with the tenant.

(7) "Qualified third party" means any of the following, acting in their official capacity:

(a) A law enforcement officer;

<u>(b) A health care professional;</u>	221
<u>(c) An employee of a court of this state;</u>	222
<u>(d) A mental health professional;</u>	223
<u>(e) A victim advocate.</u>	224
<u>(8) "Qualifying protection order" means either of the</u>	225
<u>following:</u>	226
<u>(a) A protection order issued under the laws of this</u>	227
<u>state, including any of the following:</u>	228
<u>(i) A protection order issued after a full hearing under</u>	229
<u>section 3113.31 of the Revised Code;</u>	230
<u>(ii) A consent agreement approved under section 3113.31 of</u>	231
<u>the Revised Code;</u>	232
<u>(iii) A temporary protection order issued under section</u>	233
<u>2919.26 of the Revised Code.</u>	234
<u>(b) A protection order or consent agreement substantially</u>	235
<u>similar to an order or agreement described in division (A)(8)(a)</u>	236
<u>of this section that was issued or approved under a</u>	237
<u>substantially similar law of another state or a substantially</u>	238
<u>similar ordinance or resolution of a municipal corporation of</u>	239
<u>this state or political subdivision of another state.</u>	240
<u>(9) "Rape" means a violation of section 2907.02 of the</u>	241
<u>Revised Code or a substantially similar violation under the laws</u>	242
<u>of another state.</u>	243
<u>(10) "Sexually oriented offense" has the same meaning as</u>	244
<u>in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	245
<u>(11) "Victim advocate" means a person who provides support</u>	246
<u>and assistance for a victim of an offense.</u>	247

<u>(12) "Written record of the report" is a written document</u>	248
<u>produced by a qualified third party that includes all of the</u>	249
<u>following:</u>	250
<u>(a) The tenant's name;</u>	251
<u>(b) The qualified third party's name;</u>	252
<u>(c) A declaration that the qualified third party meets the</u>	253
<u>definition of a qualified third party under this section;</u>	254
<u>(d) A statement that the tenant has made a credible report</u>	255
<u>of any of the following to a qualified third party:</u>	256
<u>(i) A rape;</u>	257
<u>(ii) An attempted rape;</u>	258
<u>(iii) Domestic violence;</u>	259
<u>(iv) Dating violence;</u>	260
<u>(v) Abuse;</u>	261
<u>(vi) A sexually oriented offense as defined in section</u>	262
<u>2950.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	263
<u>(e) The qualified third party's signature and date of the</u>	264
<u>signature.</u>	265
<u>(B) A tenant who is an alleged victim of rape, attempted</u>	266
<u>rape, domestic violence, dating violence, abuse, or a sexually</u>	267
<u>oriented offense may terminate the tenant's rental agreement or</u>	268
<u>install new locks on the premises covered by the rental</u>	269
<u>agreement, if either of the following applies:</u>	270
<u>(1) A qualifying protection order is issued or approved</u>	271
<u>for the protection of a tenant.</u>	272
<u>(2) The tenant has reported the alleged domestic violence,</u>	273

rape, attempted rape, dating violence, abuse, or sexually 274  
oriented offense to a qualified third party, and the qualified 275  
third party has provided the tenant a written record of the 276  
report. 277

(C) (1) When terminating a rental agreement pursuant to 278  
division (B) of this section, the tenant shall provide the 279  
landlord both of the following: 280

(a) A written notice that the rental agreement will 281  
terminate and the date the tenant will vacate the property, 282  
which shall be not later than thirty days after delivery of the 283  
notice; 284

(b) A certified copy of the qualifying protection order 285  
or, within thirty days of being signed by a qualified third 286  
party, a written record of a report described in division (B) (2) 287  
of this section. 288

(2) Prior to installing new locks pursuant to division (B) 289  
of this section, the tenant shall provide the landlord both of 290  
the following: 291

(a) A notice of the intention to install new locks; 292

(b) A certified copy of the qualifying protection order or 293  
a copy of the written record described in division (B) (2) of 294  
this section. 295

(3) Subject to division (C) (2) of this section, the tenant 296  
may, at the tenant's expense, install a new lock or locks to the 297  
premises covered by the rental agreement by doing either of the 298  
following: 299

(a) Rekeying the lock if the lock is in good working 300  
condition; 301

(b) Replacing the entire locking mechanism with a locking mechanism of equal or better quality than the lock being replaced. 302  
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(4) The tenant shall provide the landlord a working key to the new or rekeyed locks upon the landlord's request. 305  
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(5) Regardless of any provision in the rental agreement, the landlord may refuse to provide a key to the new lock to a named individual, even if the named individual is a party to the rental agreement. 307  
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(6) A named individual who has been excluded from a residential rental property under this section shall remain liable for rent under the rental agreement. 311  
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(D) A landlord shall not disclose a forwarding address, contact information, or any other information that could be used to identify or locate the tenant to the named individual, or an individual the landlord believes to be a relative of the named individual, or a person acting on behalf of the named individual, unless the person acting on behalf of the named individual is the named individual's attorney. 314  
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(E) The tenant shall be responsible for rent and any other amounts due under the rental agreement for the period following delivery of the notice allowed by division (C)(1) of this section until the tenant vacates the property. 321  
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(F)(1) All of the following apply to a landlord whose tenant terminates a rental agreement pursuant to this section: 325  
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(a) The landlord shall give the tenant up to thirty days to vacate the property. 327  
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(b) The landlord shall not pursue an action under Chapter 329

<u>1923. of the Revised Code against the tenant for early</u>	330
<u>termination.</u>	331
<u>(c) The landlord shall not charge the tenant any fees that</u>	332
<u>might otherwise be authorized by the early termination of the</u>	333
<u>rental agreement.</u>	334
<u>(d) The landlord shall not change the locks or otherwise</u>	335
<u>prevent the tenant from retrieving the tenant's possessions;</u>	336
<u>(e) The landlord shall return the security deposit to the</u>	337
<u>tenant upon vacating the property, pursuant to section 5321.16</u>	338
<u>of the Revised Code, unless the landlord is entitled to keep a</u>	339
<u>portion or all of the deposit in accordance with that section.</u>	340
<u>(2) A landlord that violates division (F)(1) of this</u>	341
<u>section is liable in a civil action for all damages caused to a</u>	342
<u>tenant, together with reasonable attorney's fees.</u>	343
<u>(G)(1) If a tenant terminates a rental agreement pursuant</u>	344
<u>to this section, the rental agreement continues in effect with</u>	345
<u>regard to any co-tenant under the rental agreement. The co-</u>	346
<u>tenant shall not be responsible for any action or inaction by</u>	347
<u>any other party to the rental agreement.</u>	348
<u>(2) Any co-tenant under the rental agreement may do any of</u>	349
<u>the following:</u>	350
<u>(a) Terminate the rental agreement at the same time as the</u>	351
<u>protected tenant;</u>	352
<u>(b) Procure a new tenant within thirty days of the notice</u>	353
<u>provided to the landlord under division (C)(1) of this section;</u>	354
<u>(c) Assume the entire lease.</u>	355
<u>(H) A landlord shall not refuse to enter into a rental</u>	356

agreement with an otherwise qualified applicant for tenancy 357  
based on the applicant's choice to disclose or not to disclose 358  
that the applicant is a victim of rape, attempted rape, domestic 359  
violence, dating violence, abuse, or a sexually oriented 360  
offense, or based on the landlord's suspicion that the applicant 361  
may be a future victim of rape, attempted rape, domestic 362  
violence, dating violence, abuse, or a sexually oriented 363  
offense. 364

**Sec. 5747.35.** A nonrefundable credit is allowed against a 365  
taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the 366  
Revised Code for a landlord whose tenant has terminated the 367  
tenant's rental agreement pursuant to section 5321.172 of the 368  
Revised Code. The amount of the credit shall equal two hundred 369  
dollars for each rental agreement that is terminated pursuant to 370  
that section during the taxable year. If the landlord is a pass- 371  
through entity, each taxpayer that holds a direct or indirect 372  
equity interest in that pass-through entity may claim the 373  
taxpayer's distributive or proportionate share of the credit. 374

The credit shall be claimed in the order required under 375  
section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. If the credit exceeds the 376  
taxpayer's aggregate tax due under section 5747.02 of the 377  
Revised Code for that taxable year after allowing for credits 378  
that precede the credit allowed under this section in that 379  
order, such excess shall be allowed as a credit in each of the 380  
ensuing two taxable years, but the amount of any excess credit 381  
allowed in any such taxable year shall be deducted from the 382  
balance carried forward to the ensuing taxable year. 383

**Sec. 5747.98.** (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 384  
calculating a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 385  
5747.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits 386

to which the taxpayer is entitled in the following order:	387
Either the retirement income credit under division (B) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum retirement income credits under divisions (C), (D), and (E) of that section;	388 389 390 391
Either the senior citizen credit under division (F) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum distribution credit under division (G) of that section;	392 393 394
The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the Revised Code;	395 396
The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;	397 398
The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of the Revised Code;	399 400
The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;	401 402
The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	403 404
The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;	405 406
<u>The credit for landlords whose qualifying tenants have terminated a rental agreement under section 5747.35 of the Revised Code;</u>	407 408 409
The nonrefundable credit for education expenses under section 5747.72 of the Revised Code;	410 411
The nonrefundable credit for donations to scholarship granting organizations under section 5747.73 of the Revised	412 413

Code;	414
The nonrefundable credit for tuition paid to a	415
nonchartered nonpublic school under section 5747.75 of the	416
Revised Code;	417
The nonrefundable vocational job credit under section	418
5747.057 of the Revised Code;	419
The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B)	420
of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	421
The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	422
Revised Code;	423
The credit for beginning farmers who participate in a	424
financial management program under division (B) of section	425
5747.77 of the Revised Code;	426
The credit for commercial vehicle operator training	427
expenses under section 5747.82 of the Revised Code;	428
The credit for selling or renting agricultural assets to	429
beginning farmers under division (A) of section 5747.77 of the	430
Revised Code;	431
The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	432
property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	433
The small business investment credit under section 5747.81	434
of the Revised Code;	435
The nonrefundable lead abatement credit under section	436
5747.26 of the Revised Code;	437
The opportunity zone investment credit under section	438
122.84 of the Revised Code;	439
The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	440

Revised Code;	441
The research and development credit under section 5747.331	442
of the Revised Code;	443
The credit for rehabilitating a historic building under	444
section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	445
The nonresident credit under division (A) of section	446
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	447
The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under	448
division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	449
The refundable motion picture and Broadway theatrical	450
production credit under section 5747.66 of the Revised Code;	451
The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention	452
credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised	453
Code;	454
The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying	455
entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;	456
The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying	457
pass-through entity granted under division (I) of section	458
5747.08 of the Revised Code;	459
The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the Revised	460
Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital	461
program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;	462
The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic	463
building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	464
The refundable credit under section 5747.39 of the Revised	465
Code for taxes levied under section 5747.38 of the Revised Code	466
paid by an electing pass-through entity.	467

(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits 468  
enumerated in this section and the credit granted under division 469  
(H) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the 470  
credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the taxpayer's 471  
aggregate amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised 472  
Code, after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in 473  
the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a 474  
particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the 475  
section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be 476  
construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly, 477  
a credit more than once for a taxable year. 478

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3767.01, 3767.05, 479  
4301.74, 5321.02, and 5747.98 of the Revised Code are hereby 480  
repealed. 481

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Safe Homes 482  
Act. 483

**Section 4.** The enactment by this act of section 5747.35 of 484  
the Revised Code applies to taxable years ending on or after the 485  
effective date of this section. 486

**Section 5.** Section 5747.98 of the Revised Code is 487  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 488  
by both H.B. 45 and H.B. 66 of the 134th General Assembly. The 489  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 490  
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 491  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 492  
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 493  
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 494  
presented in this act. 495