

# SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2873

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2873.

This bill requires a landlord to allow a tenant to make a rent payment using a credit card by requiring the landlord to make any necessary accommodations to satisfy the tenant's request.

This bill allows a landlord to shift to the tenant the responsibility for the payment of all transaction fees associated with the use of a credit card when making a rent payment. Furthermore, a landlord who has a previously agreed upon rent payment taken back by a tenant through the use of a credit card chargeback may consider the charged-back rent as unpaid rent.

This bill would take effect immediately and would expire one year after the end of both the state of emergency and the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.