

HCS HB 583 -- LANDLORD TENANT ACTIONS

SPONSOR: Cross

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill specifies that any tenant required to vacate premises after being evicted must obtain written permission from the landlord or owner of the property to enter the premises at any time in the future. The prior tenant may remain on the property for up to 72 hours for each time written permission is granted by the landlord or owner.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will prohibit problem tenants who have been evicted from the property by court order from attempting to return or remain on the property with friends or relatives. Additional trips to court to enforce or clarify an eviction notice or seek other remedies cost a great deal of money and this bill will clarify that an eviction is permanent and from the whole property unless there is a written exception.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cross; Bonita Mahurin; Donna Dane; St. Louis Apartment Association; and Missouri Apartment Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.