

HB 1375 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1375**

AN ACT prohibiting landlords from charging more than one application fee per tenant every 12 months.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33

COMMITTEE: Housing

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits landlords from collecting more than one application fee from the same prospective tenant within a 12-month period, regardless of how many units the tenant applies for or leases.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Certain Specific Acts Prohibited. Amend RSA 540-A:3 by inserting after
2 paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

3 VIII-a. No landlord shall require or accept more than one application fee from the same
4 prospective tenant within any period of 12 months, regardless of the number of rental units for
5 which the tenant applies or leases. For purposes of this section, "application fee" means any fee or
6 charge collected for processing a rental application, including fees for background checks, credit
7 checks, or administrative costs, whether collected for an initial application, renewal, or for applying
8 to another unit under the same landlord or agent.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.