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HOUSE BILL ***1645***

AN ACT relative to forwarding addresses of tenants in landlord tenant actions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Janigian, Rock. 8; Rep. Chirichiello, Rock. 6; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. D. Thomas, Rock. 5; Rep. Gay, Rock. 8

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a tenant to keep an address on file with the court following a judgment for the landlord for unpaid rent or damages.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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

1 New Paragraph; Actions Against Tenants; Writ of Summons; Address. Amend RSA 540:13 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. After a landlord makes a claim for unpaid rent or damages following service under paragraph III, the tenant shall be required to file and maintain a current forwarding address or legal address with the court in which the action was taken if the address changed following service, until the date of judgment under RSA 540:14. A tenant who files a false address or who fails to maintain a current forwarding or legal address shall be subject to the penalty for violation of a court order.

2 New Paragraph; Actions Against Tenants; Judgment; Address. Amend RSA 540:14 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. If the plaintiff makes a successful claim for unpaid rent and/or damages, the court shall require the tenant to file with the court a forwarding address or legal address to be maintained for 90 days from the date of the judgment. A tenant who files a false address or who fails to maintain a current forwarding or legal address shall be subject to the penalty for violation of a court order.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.