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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 55, L.D. 136, Bill, “An Act Regarding the Eviction Process”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6002, sub-§1, ¶¶E and F** are enacted to read:

E. The tenant or the tenant's guest or invitee is the perpetrator of violence, a threat of violence or sexual assault against another tenant, a tenant's guest, the landlord or the landlord's employee or agent, except that this paragraph does not apply to a tenant who is a victim as defined in section 6000, subsection 4 and who has taken reasonable action under the circumstances to comply with the landlord's request for protection of the tenant, another tenant, a tenant's guest or invitee, the landlord or the landlord's employee or agent or of the landlord's property; or

F. The person occupying the premises is not an authorized occupant of the premises.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who has taken reasonable actions to comply with a landlord's request for the protection of tenants, guests or invitees or the landlord from violence or the threat of violence or sexual assault is not subject to eviction with a 7-day notice of termination. The amendment also removes the provision of the bill permitting 7-day notice of termination of tenancy if a tenant provides false information on the tenant's rental application.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**