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An Act Regarding the Eviction Process

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro and
Senators: CHENETTE of York, COLLINS of York, DAVIS of Piscataquis, KATZ of
Kennebec, KEIM of Oxford, MAKER of Washington, Representatives: PARRY of Arundel,
TUELL of East Machias.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6002, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 293, §7, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. The tenant is 7 days or more in arrears in the payment of rent; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6002, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 293, §8, is
6 amended to read:

7 D. The tenant is a perpetrator of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and the
8 victim is also a tenant;

9 **Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6002, sub-§1, ¶¶E to G** are enacted to read:

10 E. The tenant or the tenant's guest or invitee is the perpetrator of violence, a threat of
11 violence or sexual assault against another tenant, a tenant's guest, the landlord or the
12 landlord's employee or agent;

13 F. The person occupying the premises is not an authorized occupant of the premises;
14 or

15 G. The tenant provided false information on the tenant's rental application.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill expands the causes for a 7-day notice of termination of tenancy to include:
18 violence, a threat of violence or sexual assault against other tenants, their guests, the
19 landlord or the landlord's employees or agents; an unauthorized occupation of the
20 premises; and the provision of false information on the tenant's rental application.