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**Legislative Document**

**No. 136**

S.P. 55

In Senate, January 19, 2017

### **An Act Regarding the Eviction Process**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6002, sub-§1, ¶¶E to G 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;

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

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

## SUMMARY

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