

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5529

As Passed House

April 9, 1997

Title: An act relating to requiring a landlord to provide a written receipt if requested.

Brief Description: Providing written receipts to tenants.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl, Horn, Heavey, Schow, Fairley, Winsley and Oke).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Law & Justice: 4/4/97 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/9/97, 96-1.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Sheahan, Chairman; McDonald, Vice Chairman; Sterk, Vice Chairman; Costa, Ranking Minority Member; Constantine, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carrell; Cody; Kenney; Lambert; Lantz; Radcliff; Sherstad and Skinner.

Staff: Trudes Hutcheson (786-7384).

Background: The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act establishes various duties of landlords and tenants. When a tenant pays a security deposit, the landlord must give the tenant a written receipt for that deposit money. The act does not require a landlord to give written receipts to a tenant for any other payments made by the tenant.

Summary of Bill: Upon request of a tenant, the landlord must provide a written receipt for any payments made by the tenant.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill will help tenants who don't have checking accounts and pay their rent in cash.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Kohl, prime sponsor.