

1 H.183

2 Introduced by Representative Heath of Westford

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Rental housing; safety inspection; illegal activity

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that a person that is
7 arrested who resides in rental housing provide the arresting officer with his or
8 her address and the name of his or her landlord. If the officer has probable
9 cause to believe that illegal activity is occurring in the person's dwelling, the
10 officer shall forward the address and landlord's name to the local health officer
11 of the municipality in which the person resides, and the health officer shall
12 conduct a housing safety inspection of the rental property.

13 An act relating to allowing a safety inspection of rental property

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4253 is added to read:

16 § 4253. RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION

17 If a person who resides in rental housing is arrested and the arresting officer
18 has probable cause to believe that there is illegal activity occurring in the
19 person's dwelling, the officer shall record the person's address and the name of
20 the person's landlord, and shall forward the information to the local health

1 officer of the municipality in which the person resides. The local health officer
2 shall then conduct a housing safety inspection of the rental housing property.
3 The local health officer shall conduct an inspection of the entire rental property
4 where the person resides, including other units in the property leased by the
5 landlord.