

1 H.254

2 Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; home heating fuel assistance; payment to landlord

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that

7 home heating fuel assistance benefits be paid directly to a landlord if the

8 household receiving benefits owes the landlord rent at the time the benefit is

9 paid.

10 An act relating to home heating fuel assistance benefits

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

12 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 2605 is amended to read:

13 § 2605. BENEFIT AMOUNTS

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15 (e) Households that make undesignated payments for energy for home heat

16 in the form of rent and that are not participating in a public, subsidized, or

17 Section 8 housing program shall be eligible for an annual home heating fuel

18 assistance benefit in an amount equal to 30 percent of the benefit the household

19 would have received if the household were purchasing energy for home

20 heating fuel directly or in the amount of \$50.00, whichever amount is greater.

1 Notwithstanding section 2607 of this chapter, the fuel assistance benefit shall
2 be paid directly to the landlord if the household owes the landlord overdue rent
3 at the time the benefit is paid.

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5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.