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| 1 | H.213 |
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| 2 | Introduced by Representatives Ram of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of |
| 3 | Pownal, Bray of New Haven, Donovan of Burlington, Hooper |
| 4 | of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lorber of Burlington, |
| 5 | Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Shand of |
| 6 | Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, |
| 7 | Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, |
| 8 | Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of |
| 9 | Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zuckerman of |
| 10 | Burlington |
| 11 | Referred to Committee on |
| 12 | Date: |
| 13 | Subject: Housing; landlord and tenant; security deposit; dispute resolution |
| 14 | Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to exclude activity relating to |
| 15 | security deposits for residential rental units from the Accord and Satisfaction |
| 16 | section under the Uniform Commercial Code (Title 9A) to provide tenants with |
| 17 | immediate access to the undisputed portion of a security deposit withheld by a |
| 18 | landlord at the termination of a tenancy, while preserving the tenant's right to |
| 19 | contest the withholding. |

| 1 2 | An act to provide fairness to tenants in cases of contested housing security deposit withholding |
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| 3 | It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont: |
| 4 | Sec. 1. 9A V.S.A. § 3-311 is amended to read: |
| 5 | § 3-311. ACCORD AND SATISFACTION BY USE OF INSTRUMENT |
| 6 | * * * |
| 7 | (e) This section shall not apply to 9 V.S.A. § 4461, relating to security |
| 8 | deposits for residential rental units. |