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2 Introduced by Representative Wilson of Manchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Commerce and trade; landlord and tenant; wage withholding

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow a landlord to obtain a wage
7 withholding order against a tenant for overdue rent.

8 An act relating to wage withholding orders for overdue rent

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

10 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4455a is added to read:

11 § 4455a. OVERDUE RENT; WAGE WITHHOLDING

12 (a) A landlord may obtain a wage withholding order against a tenant from
13 the civil division of the superior court to recover rent that is more than 60 days
14 overdue. Upon a finding that rent is rightfully due the landlord and has not
15 been paid, the court shall issue the order. The wage withholding order shall
16 direct current and subsequent employers of the tenant to pay a portion of the
17 tenant's wages directly to the civil division of the superior court until the
18 tenant's rental obligation is satisfied.

1 (b) The court shall transmit all wage withholding orders issued under this
2 section to the tenant's employers. Upon receipt of a wage withholding order,
3 an employer shall:

4 (1) withhold from the wages paid to the tenant the amount specified in
5 the order for each wage period;

6 (2) forward the withheld wages to the court within seven working days
7 after wages are withheld, specifying the date the wages were withheld; and

8 (3) retain a record of all withheld wages.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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