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House General & Housing Committee.

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RE: H-184

Please pass bill H-184. It will correct a situation where landlords who work on their own property will be forced to spend thousands of dollars for additional lead paint related regulations beyond what they are already required to have.

In order to repaint and maintain a rental unit I own, I must now:

1. Take an 8 hour training class (Cost \$250-300)
2. Pass a written test
3. Pay a \$300 RRPM Firm licensing fee (5 years)
4. Pay an annual RRPM Supervisor licensing fee (\$50.00)
5. Obtain a professional liability painter's insurance with at least \$300,000 in liability coverage (cost at least \$2500 a year- if I can get it.)

I have no problem with items one and two. They are safety related. The rest pose an unnecessary burden on a landlord trying to provide needed housing for Vermonters at affordable rates.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rowley