

**No. 13. An act relating to service of writs of possession.**

(H.21)

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

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 4854 is amended to read:

**§ 4854. JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF; WRIT OF POSSESSION**

If the court finds that the plaintiff is entitled to possession of the premises, the plaintiff shall have judgment for possession and rents due, damages, and costs, and when a written rental agreement so provides, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees. A writ of possession shall issue on the date judgment is entered, unless the court for good cause orders a stay. The writ shall direct the any sheriff of the county in which the property or a portion thereof is located to serve the writ upon the defendant and, not earlier than 14 days after the writ is served, to put the plaintiff into possession.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 5, 2025