

Landlord Certificate Data

Sec. 17 & Sec. 18 of H. 479

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Important Background

- The Renter Credit reform of 2021 achieved various policy goals that stakeholders had been asking for, significantly reduced paperwork for renters and landlords, and corrected some egregious confidentiality issues in the prior Renter Rebate program

In 2018, 25% of Renter Rebate claims were issued within 60 days

In 2024, 96% of Renter Credit claims were issued within 60 days

- The purpose of the landlord certificate is to collect the data needed for back-end verification of renter credit claims. The 2021 reform made the landlord certificate much easier, but Tax still denies too many credit each year because there's no certificate on file. Adding unrelated survey fields to the form (as prescribed by Act 181 of 2024, Sec. 98) would have made this issue worse, made more work for the department, and put the credits of low-income renters at risk

What Do These Sections Do?

- Sec. 17 Repeals the language passed last year that added fields that were unrelated to the Renter Credit
- Sec. 18 Updates the language* to reflect the data is currently gathered for Renter Credit administration and gathers a few more pieces of data about rental properties requested by VHFA for the Housing Needs Assessment

Our Ask

Please continue to include the Sec. 17 and Sec. 18 language in your housing bill so Tax can continue to efficiently administer this program for Vermont's low-income renters

*language was developed in partnership with VHFA