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Introduced by Representative Stevens of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Housing; residential rental agreements; application fees

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to define
“application fees,” which existing law prohibits landlords from charging to
prospective renters of residential property.

An act relating to residential rental application fees

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

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4451 is amended to read:

§ 4451. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

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(11) “Application fee” means any fee charged as part of a rental application or rental application process, including management fees and fees charged for any inquiry into, or history or report on, a prospective tenant’s background, credit, income, criminal activity, past evictions, rent payments, tenancy, or employment.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.