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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Euer, and Satchell

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 34-18 of the General Laws entitled "Residential Landlord and  
2 Tenant Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **34-18-46.1. Sealing of court files -- Verdict for the tenant.**

4           If any complaint for possession brought pursuant to chapter 18 of title 34 is resolved in  
5 the tenant's favor, either by dismissal, or a trial verdict, or judgement from which an appeal is not  
6 taken, the court shall seal the court file, rendering its contents inaccessible to the public.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would require the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a
- 2 trespass and eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant and no appeal is taken.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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