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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Introduced By: Senators Kallman, Quezada, Acosta, Murray, Euer, Calkin, Lawson,
DiMario, Cano, and Mendes

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

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 Tenant
2 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 the
5 tenant's favor, either by dismissal, or a trial verdict, or judgement from which an appeal is not taken,
6 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
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- 1 This act would require the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a trespass
- 2 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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