

# HOUSE BILL No. 1226

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 32-31-5-8.

**Synopsis:** Landlord pet policies. Provides that a rental agreement may not require a tenant to declaw a cat as a condition of the rental agreement.

**Effective:** July 1, 2024.

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 32-31-5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2024]: **Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "declaw" means to**  
4 **perform, procure, or arrange for any procedure, including an**  
5 **onychectomy, tendonectomy, or phalangectomy, to remove or**  
6 **prevent the normal function of a cat's claw or claws.**

7 (b) A rental agreement may not require a tenant to declaw a cat  
8 as a condition of the rental agreement.

