

SENATE BILL 224

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, relative to the Tennessee housing development agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 23, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dwelling unit" means a structure or part of a structure in this state that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one (1) person who maintains a household or by two (2) or more persons who maintain a common household;

(2) "Landlord" means the owner, lessor, or sublessor of a dwelling unit;

and

(3) "Tenant" means a person entitled under a rental or lease agreement to occupy a dwelling unit to the exclusion of others.

(b) The agency shall create and maintain a registry of tenants evicted from a dwelling unit by the execution of a writ of possession. This registry must contain sufficient information to identify each tenant in the registry.

(c) The agency shall make this database accessible to landlords of dwelling units located in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.