

NH Legislation affecting Landlords

NHPOA officials are making great progress in Concord in the area of pro-landlord legislation.

Last year, NH Legal Assistance introduced seven anti-landlord bills. NHPOA was able to kill all of them and introduce our own legislation, House Bill 802 which passed the House on January 7th and will now go to the Senate where it is expected to pass and be signed into law by the Governor.

HB 802:

- Allows landlords to obtain a judgment for rent owed at the same time as the eviction, thus merging Small Claims Court and the eviction.
- Allows landlords to accept partial rent payment while still continuing the eviction.
- Closes the appeal process loopholes.
- Reduces the length of time a landlord has to store a tenant's possessions after moving from 45 days to 28 days.

Landlords have been successful in showing the legislators that we are small-business people trying to earn an honest living.

NHPOA will continue to push for favorable legislation for its members. We have hired Jim Bouley, a well-known and successful lobbyist to help us in our efforts. We also need your help. We are currently compiling a database that includes every State Senator and Representative along with NHPOA members who know them. This will help us to use our influence as needed. Please take the time to look over the list of State Representatives and indicate which ones you know and how well you know them. This will enable the NHPOA to reach more State Reps to assure passage of pro-landlord legislation.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

