

An Act Providing for Eviction Protections During the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Procedural History

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An Act Providing for Eviction Protections During the Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency consists of Sections 79, 80, 88, and 103 of the engrossed 2021 Budget Bill passed by the Massachusetts legislature. Prior to being added to the budget, the bill was filed late and did not go through the normal committee process. Governor Baker signed the bill in part but returned these relevant sections with proposed amendments. The Governor's recommendations were rejected, and the bill was enacted again and presented to the Governor, who signed it into law at Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020.

All Relevant Bill Versions: H.5150, S.4, S.2955, H.5164, H.5190, H.5181

Session Law: Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020

Timeline

- 11/12/2020 House publishes H.5150
- 11/12/2020 House passes 143 to 14
- 11/16/2020 Read in Senate
- 11/16/2020 Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee
- 11/16/2020 Senate Committee reported to ought to pass with an amendment inserting text of S. 4 (Sections 47, 48, 49 relate to Covid-19 evictions: notices to quit, continuances, and data collection)
- 11/18/2020 Seconding reading in Senate
- 11/18/2020 Amended by striking everything and inserting S.4
- 11/18 Third Reading in Senate
- 11/18/2020 S.2955 is the text of S.4, reprinted as amended
- 11/18/2020 Senate passed to be engrossed (39 to 0)
- 11/23/2020 House Non-concurred with Senate amendment
- 11/23/2020 In House, Michlewitz, Garlick, Smola appointed for conference committee
- 11/23/2020 Senate insisted on its amendments
- 11/23/2020 In Senate, Rodrigues, Friedman, O'Connor appointed for conference committee
- 12/4/2020 H.5164 Reported
- 12/4/2020 Referred to the House committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling
- 12/4/2020 In House, committee of conference report accepted (147 to 10)
- 12/4/2020 In Senate, committee on conference report accepted (40 to 0)
- 12/4/2020 Both houses adopted emergency preamble
- 12/4/2020 House and Senate Enacted 2021 Budget in H.5164 and laid before the Governor (The eviction protections were contained in Sections 79, 80, 88, 103)

- 12/11/2020 Governor signed in part, codified at Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020
- 12/14/2020 Governor returned Budget Bill to the House with vetoes and amendments to some sections, See H.1590, Attachment E for relevant message (including Sections 79, 80, 88, and 103)
- 12/14/2020 Referred to House Committee on Bills in the Third Reading
- 12/22/2020 Committee Report Accepted
- 12/22/2020 Governor's amendments were not adopted in either house (127 to 30 vote in House)
- 12/23/2020 Both houses adopted emergency preamble
- 12/23/2020 Reenacted in both houses
- 12/23/2020 Presented to the Governor as H.5181 An Act Providing for Eviction Protections During the Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency
- 12/31/2020 Governor signed into law, codified at Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020