

SB 301 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL        **301**

AN ACT            relative to the amendment of pleadings in landlord-tenant actions.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Rep. Reagan, Rock 1

COMMITTEE:      Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the landlord to amend a writ of summons to correct minor procedural defects.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1   New Section; Landlord-Tenant Actions; Amendment of Pleadings. Amend RSA 540 by  
2 inserting after section 13-d the following new section:

3           540:13-e Amendment. Within 7 days of filing the writ of summons, the landlord may file a  
4 motion to amend the writ to correct a procedural or technical defect. The motion shall be granted in  
5 matters of form and may be granted in matters of substance under such terms as justice may  
6 require; provided, however, that the return day may not be amended.

7           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.