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HOUSE BILL **472**

AN ACT relative to residential units in rooming houses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Long, Hills 42

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that the exclusion of rooming houses from the definition of tenancy cannot be extended by directing the occupant to move from one room to another, or from one house to another, within the 90-day exemption period.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Thirteen

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

1 253:1 Actions Against Tenants; Rooming House Exemption from Definition of Tenancy. Amend
2 RSA 540:1-a, IV(a) to read as follows:

3 (a) Rooms in rooming or boarding houses which are rented to transient guests for fewer
4 than 90 consecutive days. ***For purposes of this subparagraph, if the owner of the facility***
5 ***directs the occupant to move from one room to another in the same rooming or boarding***
6 ***house, or directs the occupant to move from one of the owner's rooming or boarding houses***
7 ***to another, the 90-day period for computing consecutive days of occupancy shall not be***
8 ***broken. Consecutive days of occupancy shall not include a voluntary move from one room***
9 ***to another if the move was made at the request of the occupant after the occupant has been***
10 ***notified of the exemption from tenancy under this subparagraph. Such request shall be in***
11 ***writing and shall include the following statement:***

12 ***"I request a move from _____ to _____. I have received a copy of***
13 ***RSA 540:1-a, IV(a) and understand that any time I spent in the first room shall not apply***
14 ***toward the 90 consecutive days of occupancy required for tenancy under RSA 540."***

15 253:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

16 Approved: July 24, 2013

17 Effective Date: July 24, 2013