

CHAPTER NO. 169

HOUSE BILL NO. 553

By Representative McDonald

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 729

By Senator Graves

AN ACT to permit physically disabled persons to terminate certain leases without penalty if public housing accommodations become available.

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

SECTION 1. A physically disabled person shall be permitted to terminate a rental lease relative to such person's primary residence without incurring penalties or being obligated to pay rent after ceasing to occupy the property if such person is accepted as a resident of a public housing facility unless the person's current landlord has made significant modifications to the residence to address issues of handicap accessibility. The physically disabled person who terminates a rental lease pursuant to this section shall present written evidence of the public housing facility acceptance to the rental leaseholder and the rental leaseholder shall provide written acknowledgement of the lease termination to the lessee. For the purposes of this section a physically disabled person means that a person meets the standard for being "permanently and totally disabled" under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-4-1102.

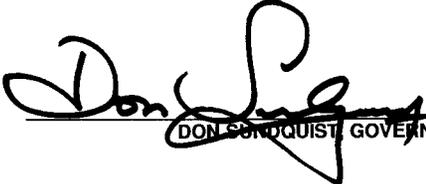
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 30, 2001


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2001


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR