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An act relating to disposal of property following an eviction, and fair housing and public accommodations

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1, 12 V.S.A. § 4854a, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 4854a is amended to read:

§ 4854a. PROPERTY OF TENANT REMAINING ON PREMISES AFTER
EVICTON

(a) A landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property:

(1) 15 days after a writ of possession is served pursuant to this chapter or upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises pursuant to this chapter, whichever is later; or

(2) in the case of an eviction brought pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 153, 40 days after a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title is served or upon the landlord being legally restored to possession of the leased premises by a writ of possession issued for failure to pay rent into court pursuant to subsection 4853a(h) of this title, whichever is later.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if the court stays the execution of a writ of possession issued pursuant to this chapter, then a landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in a dwelling unit or leased premises without notice or liability to the tenant or owner of the personal property ~~five days~~ one day after the landlord is legally restored to possession of the dwelling unit or leased premises.

Second: By striking out Sec. 3, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2015, and shall apply to ejectment actions beginning on or after that date.

(b) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.