

1 S.199

2 Introduced by Senators Sears and Benning

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Residential rental agreements; tenant possession of firearms on
6 premises; restrictions on possession prohibited

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
8 residential rental agreement from containing a provision that prevents the
9 tenant from possessing firearms on the premises.

10 An act relating to the invalidity of residential rental agreements that prohibit
11 the tenant from possessing firearms on the premises

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4456b is added to read:

14 § 4456b. RESTRICTION ON TENANT'S POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

15 PROHIBITED

16 (a) A rental agreement shall not contain a provision which prohibits the
17 tenant from possessing firearms on the premises. A provision in a rental
18 agreement that purports to prohibit the tenant from possessing firearms on the
19 premises shall be unenforceable and void.

1 (b) As used in this section, “firearms” shall have the same meaning as in
2 13 V.S.A. § 4016(a)(3).

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016 and shall apply to all rental
5 agreements executed on or after that date.