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Bill Number:	H. 3765 Introduced on January 28, 2020
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Subject:	Landlord Tenant Act
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary
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Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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This bill modifies the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to provide that the provisions in the act will not apply to a tenancy where a rental space is offered for occupancy by a vehicle which is primarily designed as a temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel use that has its own motor or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The bill also enables an innkeeper to request assistance from local law enforcement to eject a person or trespasser who has not paid for his lodging or services, who is visibly intoxicated such that the person creates a public nuisance, who is using the premises for unlawful purposes, who is reasonably believed to have brought dangerous items (such as firearms or explosives) onto the premises, who is violating any laws relating to the establishment, or who is violating a rule of the establishment when that rule is posted in a conspicuous place and manner within the establishment. In addition, the bill provides that a person ejected from a campground has ten days from the date of the lawful ejection to make a valid claim for any property that was allegedly left behind, and he will have ten days to collect the property after notice has been issued to the innkeeper. After twenty days following the ejectment of a campground tenant, an innkeeper may keep or otherwise dispose of any uncollected property belonging to the tenant.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure & Revenue

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