

HOUSE BILL No. 1127

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 32-31-10-7.

Synopsis: Stay of certain eviction actions against veterans. Provides that a court shall stay certain eviction actions for defendants who qualify and have applied for housing assistance from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Indiana department of veterans' affairs.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 32-31-10-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. (a) If the defendant in an eviction action**
4 **demonstrates to the court that the defendant qualifies for and has**
5 **applied to receive housing assistance from the United States**
6 **Department of Veterans Affairs or the Indiana department of**
7 **veterans' affairs, the court shall stay the eviction action until the**
8 **earlier of the following:**

9 (1) **Forty-five (45) days after the order staying the eviction**
10 **action is issued.**

11 (2) **The housing assistance application has been processed and**
12 **either the housing assistance has been received by the**
13 **defendant or the application has been otherwise denied.**

14 **(b) Upon expiration of the stay described in subsection (a), the**
15 **court shall:**

16 (1) **dismiss the case;**

17 (2) **grant an additional stay in accordance with subsection (a);**



1 **or**
2 **(3) authorize the plaintiff to take action to further prosecute**
3 **the case;**
4 **based upon the facts of the case.**

