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Legislature Approves Sen. Jane Cunningham's Bill Protecting Landlords from Property Liability Following Tenant Evictions

JEFFERSON CITY — The General Assembly passed a bill this week (May 4, 2009) sponsored by Sen. Jane Cunningham, R-Chesterfield, that exempts landlords from liability for loss or damage to personal property left in or at a dwelling following a court-ordered tenant eviction.

[Senate Bill 231](#) would protect landlords by allowing them to remove a tenant's household goods, furnishings, fixtures or any other personal property in order to clean up the property and resume renting following a court-ordered tenant eviction.

Senator Cunningham's measure allows any property owned by a rental/leasing company left in or at the residence by the tenant to be recovered within five business days of notification by certified mail to the third party.

"Landlords are forced to suffer the lost income during the eviction process that can take up to and even longer than a year," Sen. Cunningham said. "This will protect landlords from additional costs and from liability and loss when they are required to deal with property left in rental units or abandoned along streets once tenants have been evicted."

Senate Bill 231 now goes to the governor for signing into law.

For further information about Senator Jane Cunningham and her legislation, you may visit her Senate website at www.senate.mo.gov/cunningham or contact her Chief of Staff, Lucy LePage, at (573) 751-1186.

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