

HB 400 -- UNLAWFUL OCCUPANCY ON PRIVATE NONCOMMERCIAL PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Amato

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 14 to 1.

Currently, property owners may file a verified petition in the relevant court to seek relief for removing "unlawful occupants" from property containing a residential dwelling.

This bill expands the petition's coverage to private noncommercial property.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2896 (2024).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill adds further clarity to the previous session's squatters legislation by expanding the scope beyond residential dwellings.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Amato and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.