

**SUMMARY**

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; early termination of rental agreement; victims of family abuse, sexual abuse or criminal sexual assault, or stalking.** Provides that a tenant who is a victim of family abuse, sexual abuse or other criminal sexual assault, or stalking may terminate such tenant's obligations under a rental agreement if the tenant has obtained an emergency protective order or preliminary protective order or a magistrate, law enforcement agency, grand jury, special grand jury, or court has issued a warrant, summons, information, or indictment charging any such crime. Under current law, there must be a permanent protective order or a conviction before the tenant may terminate such obligations under a rental agreement.