



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5108

February Session, 2000

An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Affordable Housing Regarding Fair Housing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Department of Social Services shall have an
2 affirmative duty to promote fair housing choice and racial and
3 economic integration in each program that has a housing component
4 and that is assisted or supervised under any provision of title 17b of
5 the general statutes.

6 Sec. 2. Section 8-37cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
7 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

8 (a) Each housing agency, as defined in section 8-37aa, shall, within
9 available resources and to the extent practicable, serve households
10 with incomes less than fifty per cent of the area median income,
11 including households with incomes less than twenty-five per cent of
12 the area median income. In administering its programs each housing
13 agency shall attempt to serve households in the lower range of the
14 income group for which the housing program was developed.

15 (b) Each housing agency shall affirmatively promote fair housing
16 choice and racial and economic integration in all programs
17 administered or supervised by such housing agency.

18 (c) Each housing agency shall perform a fair housing impact
19 assessment prior to approval of any public housing demolition,
20 disposition, replacement or relocation.

21 Sec. 3. Section 8-37ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

23 (a) Each entity participating in any program administered by a
24 housing agency, as defined in section 8-37aa, under this title shall have
25 an affirmative duty to promote fair housing in each housing
26 development that is assisted or supervised under any provision of this
27 title.

28 (b) Any entity applying for financial assistance under any program
29 administered by a housing agency established by this title shall submit
30 an affirmative fair housing marketing plan to such housing agency for
31 its approval. Such plan shall have provisions for recruitment of an
32 applicant pool that includes residents of municipalities of relatively
33 high concentrations of minority populations. The housing agency shall
34 periodically review each plan to assure that to the extent practicable
35 such an applicant pool is created and may require that a plan be
36 revised by the entity submitting it.

37 (c) Any entity applying for financial assistance under any program
38 for the construction of housing that is administered by a housing
39 agency established by this title shall submit a fair housing analysis
40 regarding the proposed site of the housing. Such site and the
41 neighborhood surrounding it must be suitable from the standpoint of
42 facilitating and furthering full compliance with fair housing laws. The
43 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in
44 conjunction with the Director of the Commission on Human Rights
45 and Opportunities, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
46 54, to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

47 Sec. 4. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated from the
48 General Fund to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

49 for additional funding for the Special Enforcement Unit for the fiscal
50 year ending June 30, 2001.

51 Sec. 5. (NEW) The Commissioner of Economic and Community
52 Development shall establish a program supporting tenant
53 participation in state-assisted housing. Such program shall be modeled
54 on the United States Department of Housing and Urban
55 Development's program for tenant participation and tenant
56 opportunities in public housing, at 24 CFR 964, et seq. Not later than
57 January 1, 2001, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
58 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the purposes of
59 the tenant participation program established by this section.

60 Sec. 6. The sum of one million dollars is appropriated to the
61 Department of Economic and Community Development, from the
62 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, to carry out the
63 purposes of the program in section 5 of this act.

64 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

HSG Committee Vote: Yea 11 Nay 0 JFS C/R PD

PD Committee Vote: Yea 10 Nay 6 JFS C/R APP