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**"AN ACT CONFORMING HOUSING AUTHORITY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS."**

1 After line 133, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 17b-802 of the general statutes, as amended by  
3 section 32 of public act 01-2 of the June special session and section 129  
4 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is repealed and the  
5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

6 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish, within  
7 available appropriations, and administer a security deposit guarantee  
8 program for persons who (1) (A) are recipients of temporary family  
9 assistance, aid under the state supplement program, state-  
10 administered general assistance or general assistance, [and to persons  
11 who] or (B) have a documented showing of financial need, and (2) (A)  
12 are residing in emergency shelters or other emergency housing, [or  
13 who] cannot remain in permanent housing due to any reason specified  
14 in subsection (a) of section 17b-808, or [is] are served a notice to quit in

15 a summary process action instituted pursuant to chapter 832, or (B)  
16 have a rental assistance program or federal section 8 certificate or  
17 voucher. Under such program, the Commissioner of Social Services  
18 may provide security deposit guarantees for use by such persons in  
19 lieu of a security deposit on a rental dwelling unit. Eligible persons  
20 may receive a security deposit guarantee in an amount not to exceed  
21 the equivalent of two months' rent on such rental unit. No person may  
22 apply for and receive a security deposit guarantee more than once in  
23 any eighteen-month period without the express authorization of the  
24 Commissioner of Social Services, except as provided in subsection (b)  
25 of this section. The Commissioner of Social Services may establish  
26 priorities for allocating security deposit guarantees between eligible  
27 persons described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of  
28 this subsection.

29 (b) In the case of any person who qualifies for a guarantee, the  
30 Commissioner of Social Services, or any emergency shelter under  
31 contract with the Department of Social Services to assist in the  
32 administration of the security deposit guarantee program established  
33 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, may execute a written  
34 agreement to pay the landlord for any damages suffered by the  
35 landlord due to the tenant's failure to comply with such tenant's  
36 obligations as defined in section 47a-21, provided the amount of any  
37 such payment shall not exceed the amount of the requested security  
38 deposit. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
39 section, if a person who has previously received a grant for a security  
40 deposit or a security deposit guarantee becomes eligible for a  
41 subsequent security deposit guarantee within eighteen months after a  
42 claim has been paid on a prior security deposit guarantee, such person  
43 may receive a security deposit guarantee. The amount of the  
44 subsequent security deposit guarantee for which such person would  
45 otherwise have been eligible shall be reduced by (1) any amount of a  
46 previous grant which has not been returned to the department  
47 pursuant to section 47a-21, or (2) the amount of any payment made to  
48 the landlord for damages pursuant to this subsection.

49 (c) Any payment made pursuant to this section to any person  
50 receiving temporary family assistance, aid under the state supplement  
51 program, general assistance or state-administered general assistance  
52 shall not be deducted from the amount of assistance to which the  
53 recipient would otherwise be entitled.

54 (d) On and after July 1, 2000, no special need or special benefit  
55 payments shall be made by the commissioner for security deposits  
56 from the temporary family assistance, state supplement, state-  
57 administered general assistance or general assistance programs.

58 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services may, within available  
59 appropriations, on a case-by-case basis, provide a security deposit  
60 grant to a person [residing in an emergency shelter or other emergency  
61 housing or to a person who cannot remain in permanent housing due  
62 to any reason specified in subsection (a) of section 17b-808 or is served  
63 of a notice to quit in a summary process action instituted pursuant to  
64 chapter 832] eligible for the security deposit guarantee program  
65 established under subsection (a) of this section, in an amount not to  
66 exceed the equivalent of one month's rent on such rental unit provided  
67 the commissioner determines that emergency circumstances exist  
68 which threaten the health, safety or welfare of a child who resides with  
69 such person. Such person shall not be eligible for more than one such  
70 grant without the authorization of said commissioner. Nothing in this  
71 section shall preclude the approval of such one-month security deposit  
72 grant in conjunction with a one-month security deposit guarantee.

73 (f) The Commissioner of Social Services may provide a security  
74 deposit grant to a person receiving such grant through any emergency  
75 shelter under an existing contract with the Department of Social  
76 Services to assist in the administration of the security deposit program,  
77 but in no event shall a payment be authorized after October 1, 2000.  
78 Nothing in this section shall preclude the commissioner from entering  
79 into a contract with one or more emergency shelters for the purpose of  
80 issuing security deposit guarantees.

81 (g) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in  
82 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to administer the  
83 program established pursuant to this section and to set eligibility  
84 criteria for the program, but may implement the program until  
85 [January 1, 2002] June 30, 2003, while in the process of adopting such  
86 regulations provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is  
87 published in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days after  
88 implementation."