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Amendment

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE ENHANCED RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATES TO ALLEVIATE ELDERLY HOUSING WAITING LISTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) At least two weeks before
4 any entity in the state that administers vouchers under the federal
5 Housing Choice Voucher Program, 42 USC 1437f(o), opens its waiting
6 list for the acceptance of new applications for such vouchers, such
7 entity shall notify, in writing or by electronic mail, the operator of an
8 Internet web site designated by the Department of Social Services, of
9 (1) the date of the opening of such waiting list, (2) the manner in which
10 applicants may apply, and (3) the date, if any, on which the waiting list
11 will be closed. The operator of said web site shall make such
12 information available, by electronic means or otherwise, to Infoline of
13 Connecticut, other organizations and the public.

14 Sec. 2. Section 8-64a of the general statutes is repealed and the

15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

16 No housing authority which receives or has received any state
17 financial assistance may sell, lease, transfer or destroy, or contract to
18 sell, lease, transfer or destroy, any housing project or portion thereof in
19 any case where such project or portion thereof would no longer be
20 available for the purpose of low or moderate income rental housing as
21 a result of such sale, lease, transfer or destruction, except the
22 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development may grant
23 written approval for the sale, lease, transfer or destruction of a housing
24 project if the commissioner finds, after a public hearing, that (1) the
25 sale, lease, transfer or destruction is in the best interest of the state and
26 the municipality in which the project is located, (2) an adequate supply
27 of low or moderate income rental housing exists in the municipality in
28 which the project is located, (3) the housing authority has developed a
29 plan for the sale, lease, transfer or destruction of such project in
30 consultation with the residents of such project and representatives of
31 the municipality in which such project is situated and has made
32 adequate provision for said residents' and representatives'
33 participation in such plan, and (4) any person who is displaced as a
34 result of the sale, lease, transfer or destruction will be relocated to a
35 comparable dwelling unit of public or subsidized housing in the same
36 municipality or will receive a tenant-based rental subsidy and will
37 receive relocation assistance under chapter 135. The commissioner
38 shall consider the extent to which the housing units which are to be
39 sold, leased, transferred or destroyed will be replaced in ways which
40 may include, but need not be limited to, newly constructed housing,
41 rehabilitation of housing which is abandoned or has been vacant for at
42 least one year, or new federal, state or local tenant-based or project-
43 based rental subsidies. The commissioner shall give the residents of the
44 housing project or portion thereof which is to be sold, leased,
45 transferred or destroyed written notice of said public hearing by first
46 class mail not less than ninety days before the date of the hearing. Said
47 written approval shall contain a statement of facts supporting the
48 findings of the commissioner. This section shall not apply to the sale,

49 lease, transfer or destruction of a housing project pursuant to the terms
50 of any contract entered into before June 3, 1988. This section shall not
51 apply to phase I of Father Panik Village in Bridgeport, Elm Haven in
52 New Haven, [and] Pequonock Gardens Project in Bridgeport,
53 Quinnipiac Terrace/Riverview in New Haven, Dutch Point in
54 Hartford, Southfield Village in Stamford and, upon approval by The
55 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of a
56 HOPE VI revitalization application and a revitalization plan that
57 includes at least the one-for-one replacement of low and moderate
58 income units, Fairfield Court in Stamford."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>