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**Raised Bill No. 5623**

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-808 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide a special  
5 needs benefit for emergency housing to any recipient of payments  
6 under the temporary family assistance program and the optional state  
7 supplementation program who cannot remain in permanent housing  
8 because (1) a judgment has been entered against the recipient in a  
9 summary process action instituted pursuant to chapter 832, provided  
10 the action was not based on criminal activity, or a judgment has been  
11 entered against the recipient in a foreclosure action pursuant to  
12 chapter 846; [and the time limited for redemption has passed;] (2) the  
13 recipient has left to escape domestic violence; (3) a catastrophic event,  
14 such as a fire or flood, has made the permanent housing uninhabitable  
15 or the recipient has been ordered to vacate the housing by a local code  
16 enforcement official; (4) the recipient shares an apartment with a

17 primary tenant who is being evicted or is engaged in criminal activity;  
18 (5) the recipient was illegally locked out by a landlord and has filed a  
19 police complaint concerning such lockout; (6) the recipient has been  
20 living with a tenant who received a preliminary notice under section  
21 47a-15 or a notice to quit because of termination of a rental agreement  
22 for lapse of time; or (7) the family has relocated because a child in the  
23 family has been found to have a level of lead in the blood equal to or  
24 greater than twenty micrograms per deciliter of blood or any other  
25 abnormal body burden of lead and the local director of health has  
26 determined, after an epidemiological investigation pursuant to section  
27 19a-111, that the source of the lead poisoning was the residential unit  
28 in which the family resided. A person shall be eligible for the benefit  
29 under this section provided application is made to the commissioner  
30 within forty-five days of the loss of permanent housing by the  
31 recipient. On and after September 4, 1991, the benefit shall be limited  
32 to not more than one occurrence per calendar year and not more than  
33 sixty days per occurrence, except that any family receiving the benefit  
34 under this section pursuant to subdivision (7) with a child undergoing  
35 chelation treatment may receive the benefit for more than one  
36 occurrence provided the total number of days the benefit is received by  
37 the family for all occurrences is not more than eighty days in any  
38 calendar year. Any person receiving a benefit under this section shall  
39 agree to reside in any housing which was constructed, renovated or  
40 rehabilitated with state or federal financial assistance.  
41 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any family receiving  
42 the benefit under this section pursuant to subdivision (7) shall not be  
43 required to reside in any housing in which the paint contains a toxic  
44 level of lead as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health in  
45 regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-111. Under the temporary  
46 family assistance program, any person not eligible for the benefit  
47 under this section shall be referred to the Department of Social  
48 Services' program for emergency shelter services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	17b-808(a)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*