



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 661**

LCO No. 2826

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT ALLOWING RECIPIENTS OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
CERTIFICATES TO PAY RENT IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM  
ALLOWABLE RENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 17b-812 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (e) The commissioner shall administer the program under this  
5 section to promote housing choice for certificate holders and  
6 encourage racial and economic integration. The commissioner shall  
7 establish maximum rent levels for each municipality in a manner that  
8 promotes the use of the program in all municipalities. The  
9 commissioner shall permit a tenant who is already participating in the  
10 program to remain in a rental unit when the rent is increased above the  
11 maximum rent level, provided the commissioner determines the rent  
12 to be reasonable, the tenant pays for any rental costs above such level  
13 and the tenant's rental obligation does not exceed fifty per cent of the  
14 tenant's adjusted gross income. Any certificate issued pursuant to this  
15 section may be used for housing in any municipality in the state. The

16 commissioner shall inform certificate holders that a certificate may be  
17 used in any municipality and, to the extent practicable, the  
18 commissioner shall assist certificate holders in finding housing in the  
19 municipality of their choice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	17b-812(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow tenants participating in the rental assistance program to remain in a unit when the rent increases beyond the department's payment standard, provided such tenant pays the difference and the total rent obligation does not exceed fifty per cent of the tenant's income.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*