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Committee Bill No. 240

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Referred to Committee on Housing

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Homeless or at risk of homelessness" means (A) living on the
3 streets or in shelters, (B) coming out of homeless programs or
4 transitional housing and having no permanent housing, (C) living in
5 unsafe or abusive environments, (D) paying more than fifty per cent of
6 income for rent, (E) living in overcrowded conditions, or (F) being in
7 need of supportive services in order to maintain permanent housing;
- 8 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and
9 Community Development; and
- 10 (3) "Veteran" shall have the same meaning as in section 27-103 of the
11 general statutes.
- 12 (b) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Economic
13 and Community Development shall establish and administer a
14 program to reduce the number of veterans who are homeless or at risk

15 of homelessness by five per cent each year, beginning with the fiscal
16 year commencing July 1, 2010, until the fiscal year commencing July 1,
17 2020. Such program shall be designed (1) to provide veterans with
18 emergency shelter services and transitional housing services; and (2) to
19 enable veterans to obtain and keep permanent housing and increase
20 their job skills and income. Spouses and widows of veterans shall be
21 eligible for the programs established under this section. In developing
22 such program, the commissioner shall consult with the Departments of
23 Social Services and Veterans' Affairs.

24 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
25 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the
26 program established under this section.

27 (d) On or before October 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
28 commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of
29 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
30 housing that describes the progress in implementing the program
31 established under this section. Each such report shall be submitted in
32 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:
To assist veterans in finding housing.

[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.]

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