



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING RENTAL PAYMENT LIMITS FOR RECIPIENTS OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATES.

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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, 2009*):

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, in accordance with this subsection, a tenant
10 who is participating in the program to remain in a rental unit where
11 the rent is increased above the maximum rent level as long as the rent
12 is determined to be reasonable, but the tenant shall be responsible for
13 any rental costs above such level. The commissioner shall only permit
14 rental arrangements in excess of the maximum rent level if the tenant's
15 rental obligation does not exceed fifty per cent of the tenant's adjusted
16 gross income. Any certificate issued pursuant to this section may be

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	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 maximum payment standard, provided the tenant pays the difference between the maximum payment standard and the rent charged and provided further that 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.]