



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1075**

LCO No. 3618

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Referred to Committee on Housing

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-68f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 Each housing authority [which receives] that owns and operates  
4 housing under part II or part III of this chapter or that receives or has  
5 received financial assistance under any state housing program, and the  
6 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary when said  
7 authority or subsidiary is the successor owner of housing previously  
8 owned by a housing authority under part II or part VI of this chapter,  
9 shall, for housing which it owns and operates, (1) provide each of its  
10 tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for hearing tenant  
11 complaints and grievances, (3) adopt procedures for soliciting tenant  
12 comment on proposed changes in housing authority policies and  
13 procedures, including changes to its lease and to its admission and  
14 occupancy policies, and (4) encourage tenant participation in the  
15 housing authority's operation of state housing programs, including,  
16 where appropriate, the facilitation of tenant participation in the

17 management of housing projects. If such housing authority or the  
18 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary operates both  
19 a federal and a state-assisted housing program, it shall use the same  
20 procedure for hearing tenant grievances in both programs. The  
21 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall adopt  
22 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish  
23 uniform minimum standards for the requirements in this section. Said  
24 commissioner shall publish notice of intent to adopt such regulations  
25 in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than September 1, 2011, and  
26 shall submit such regulations to the standing legislative regulation  
27 review committee, as provided in subsection (b) of section 4-170, not  
28 later than December 1, 2011. In accordance with section 11-4a, said  
29 commissioner shall submit a report on the adoption of such  
30 regulations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
31 having cognizance of matters relating to housing not later than  
32 February 1, 2012.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	8-68f

**Statement of Purpose:**

To clarify the scope of section 8-68f of the general statutes and to ensure that the Department of Economic and Community Development promptly adopts the regulations required under said section.

*[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.]*