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Substitute House Bill No. 6396

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The Committee on Aging reported through REP. SERRA of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "livable community" means a community with affordable
3 and appropriate housing, infrastructure, community services and
4 transportation options for residents of all ages, and (2) "age in place"
5 means the ability of residents to stay in their own homes or
6 community settings of their choice regardless of age or disability.

7 (b) The Commission on Aging shall establish a "Livable
8 Communities" initiative to serve as a forum for best practices and a
9 clearinghouse for resources to help municipal and state leaders to
10 design livable communities to allow residents of this state to age in
11 place.

12 (c) The Commission on Aging shall establish and facilitate
13 partnerships with (1) municipal leaders, (2) representatives of
14 municipal senior and social services offices, (3) community

15 stakeholders, (4) planning and zoning boards and commissions, (5)
 16 representatives of philanthropic organizations, and (6) representatives
 17 of social services and health organizations to (A) plan informational
 18 forums on livable communities, (B) investigate innovative approaches
 19 to livable communities nationwide, and (C) identify various public,
 20 private and philanthropic funding sources to design such
 21 communities.

22 (d) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commission on Aging shall
 23 establish a single portal on its Internet web site for information and
 24 resources concerning the livable communities initiative.

25 (e) Not later than July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
 26 Commission on Aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
 27 4a of the general statutes, shall submit a report on the initiative to the
 28 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
 29 of matters relating to aging, housing, human services and
 30 transportation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(d), "a single portal of information on its web site for information" was replaced with "a single portal on its Internet web site for information" for clarity.

AGE Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill requires the Commission on Aging to establish a "Livable Communities" initiative to serve as a (1) forum for best practices and (2) resource clearinghouse to help municipal and state leaders design livable communities that allow residents to age in place (i.e., remain in their own homes and communities regardless of age or disability).

It also requires the commission to report to various legislative committees by July 1, 2014.

Since the Commission currently performs similar functions, this does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6396*****AN ACT CONCERNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Commission on Aging to establish a “Livable Communities” initiative to serve as a (1) forum for best practices and (2) resource clearinghouse to help municipal and state leaders design livable communities that allow residents to age in place (i.e., remain in their own homes and communities regardless of age or disability).

The commission must report annually on the initiative to the Aging, Housing, Human Services, and Transportation committees, with the first report due by July 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

DEFINITION

The bill defines a “livable community” as a community with affordable and appropriate housing, infrastructure, community services, and transportation options for residents of all ages.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

The bill requires the Commission on Aging to:

1. establish and facilitate partnerships with (a) municipal leaders and representatives of senior and social services offices; (b) community stakeholders; (c) planning and zoning boards and commissions; and (d) representatives of philanthropic, social services, and health organizations;
2. plan informational forums on livable communities;
3. investigate innovative approaches to livable communities

nationwide;

4. identify public, private, and philanthropic funding sources to design these communities; and
5. establish, by January 1, 2014, a single portal on its website for information and resources on the initiative.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)