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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A SAFE HAVEN FROM EVICTION FOR
ELDERLY AND DISABLED TENANTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 47a-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "senior citizen" means a person
4 who is sixty-two years of age or older, and (2) "disabled" means a
5 person with a disability as defined in 42 USC 12102, as amended from
6 time to time.

7 (b) Any housing authority, community housing development
8 corporation, or other corporation approved by the Commissioner of
9 Social Services for state financial assistance to provide public housing
10 for senior citizens and disabled persons under the provisions of part VI
11 or VII of chapter 128 shall, on and after January 1, 2013, return any
12 security deposit with interest at a rate [of not less than four per cent
13 per annum and, on and after October 1, 1982, at a rate of not less than
14 five and one-quarter per cent per annum, and, on and after January 1,

15 2013, at the rate] calculated in accordance with the provisions of
16 subsection (i) of section 47a-21, to any tenant who has resided in such
17 housing for at least one year.

18 (c) No housing authority, community housing development
19 corporation or other corporation approved by the Commissioner of
20 Social Services for state financial assistance to provide public housing
21 for senior citizens and disabled persons under the provisions of part VI
22 or VII of chapter 128 may bring an action of summary process or other
23 action to dispossess such tenant, or any tenant who resides with a
24 parent, grandparent, spouse or sibling who is a senior citizen or
25 disabled person, except as provided in subparagraphs (A) to (G),
26 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 47a-23c. Notice
27 of such summary process or other action to such tenant shall include
28 information provided pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

29 (d) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Social
30 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging and the
31 Commissioner on Housing, shall compile a list of services and
32 programs designed to assist senior citizens and disabled persons who
33 are tenants to avert homelessness in the event of a summary process or
34 other action. The commissioners shall distribute such list to any
35 housing authority, community housing development corporation or
36 other corporation approved by the Commissioner of Social Services for
37 state financial assistance to provide public housing for senior citizens
38 and disabled persons under the provisions of part VI or VII of chapter
39 128.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	47a-22a

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a safe haven from eviction for senior citizens and those with disabilities.

[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.]