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LCO No. 3718



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENTAL REBATE GRANT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
5 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall make application for
6 such grant to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter
7 resides or to the duly authorized agent of such assessor or
8 municipality on or after April first and not later than October first of
9 each year with respect to such grant for the calendar year preceding
10 each such year, on a form prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of
11 the Office of Policy and Management to the assessor. A renter may
12 make application to the secretary prior to December fifteenth of the
13 claim year for an extension of the application period. The secretary
14 may grant such extension in the case of extenuating circumstance due
15 to illness or incapacitation as evidenced by a certificate signed by a

16 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to that extent, or if
17 the secretary determines there is good cause for doing so. A renter
18 making such application shall present to such assessor or agent, in
19 substantiation of the renter's application, a copy of the renter's federal
20 income tax return, and if not required to file a federal income tax
21 return, such other evidence of qualifying income, receipts for money
22 received, or cancelled checks, or copies thereof, and any other evidence
23 the assessor or such agent may require. When the assessor or agent is
24 satisfied that the applying renter is entitled to a grant, such assessor or
25 agent shall issue a certificate of grant, in triplicate, in such form as the
26 secretary may prescribe and supply showing the amount of the grant
27 due. The assessor or agent shall forward the original copy and
28 attached application to the secretary not later than the last day of the
29 month following the month in which the renter has made application.
30 On or after December 1, 1989, any municipality [which] that neglects to
31 transmit to the secretary the claim and supporting applications as
32 required by this section shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the
33 state, provided said secretary may waive such forfeiture in accordance
34 with procedures and standards adopted by regulation in accordance
35 with chapter 54. A duplicate of such certificate with a copy of the
36 application attached shall be delivered to the renter and the assessor or
37 agent shall keep the third copy of such certificate and a copy of the
38 application. After the secretary's review of each claim, pursuant to
39 section 12-120b, and verification of the amount of the grant the
40 secretary shall, not later than September thirtieth of each year, prepare
41 a list of certificates approved for payment, and shall thereafter
42 supplement such list monthly. Such list and any supplements thereto
43 shall be approved for payment by the secretary and shall be forwarded
44 by the secretary to the Comptroller, not later than [ninety] one
45 hundred twenty days after receipt of such applications and certificates
46 of grant from the assessor or agent, and the Comptroller shall draw an
47 order on the Treasurer, not later than fifteen days following, in favor of
48 each person on such list and on supplements to such list in the amount
49 of such person's claim and the Treasurer shall pay such amount to

50 such person, not later than fifteen days following. Any claimant
51 aggrieved by the results of the secretary's review shall have the rights
52 of appeal as set forth in section 12-120b. Applications filed under this
53 section shall not be open for public inspection. Any person who, for
54 the purpose of obtaining a grant under section 12-170d, wilfully fails to
55 disclose all matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes
56 false statement shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-170f(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the period of time during which the Office of Policy and Management may process applications for the rental rebate grant from ninety days to one hundred twenty days.

[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.]