



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 218**

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House Bill No. 6474

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2013*

The Committee on Housing reported through REP. BUTLER of the 72nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) No commissioner or [an] executive or managerial employee of an  
4 authority shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any housing  
5 project or in any property included or planned to be included in any  
6 project, nor shall he have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract  
7 or proposed contract for materials or services to be furnished or used  
8 in connection with any housing project. If any commissioner or  
9 executive or managerial employee of an authority owns or controls an  
10 interest, direct or indirect, in any property included or planned to be  
11 included in any housing project, he shall immediately disclose the  
12 same in writing to the authority and such disclosure shall be entered  
13 upon the minutes of the authority. Failure so to disclose such interest  
14 shall constitute misconduct in office. Occupancy of a dwelling unit  
15 owned by the housing authority or enrolled in a program of housing

16 authority assistance to low-income families in private accommodations  
17 shall not be deemed an interest in any project or in a contract for  
18 materials or services or in property included in any project for the  
19 purposes of this section.

20 (b) No person who has served as a commissioner of an authority  
21 shall be employed by such authority for a period of two years after  
22 leaving office. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a  
23 commissioner who has served for more than twenty years for a  
24 housing authority which does not have an executive director.

25 Sec. 2. Section 8-45a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

27 A housing authority, as defined in subsection (b) of section 8-39, in  
28 determining eligibility for the rental of public housing units, may  
29 establish criteria and consider relevant information concerning (1) an  
30 applicant's or any proposed occupant's history of criminal activity  
31 involving: (A) Crimes of physical violence to persons or property, (B)  
32 crimes involving the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or use of, or  
33 possession with intent to manufacture, sell, use or distribute, a  
34 controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240, or (C) other  
35 criminal acts [which] that would adversely affect the health, safety or  
36 welfare of other tenants, (2) an applicant's or any proposed occupant's  
37 abuse, or pattern of abuse, of alcohol when the housing authority has  
38 reasonable cause to believe that such applicant's or proposed  
39 occupant's abuse, or pattern of abuse, of alcohol may interfere with the  
40 health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other  
41 residents, and (3) an applicant or any proposed occupant who is  
42 subject to a lifetime registration requirement under section 54-252 on  
43 account of being convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental  
44 disease or defect of a sexually violent offense. In evaluating any such  
45 information, the housing authority shall give consideration to the time,  
46 nature and extent of the applicant's or proposed occupant's conduct  
47 and to factors [which] that might indicate a reasonable probability of  
48 favorable future conduct such as evidence of rehabilitation and

49 evidence of the willingness of the applicant, the applicant's family or  
50 the proposed occupant to participate in social service or other  
51 appropriate counseling programs and the availability of such  
52 programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	8-42
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	8-45a

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill clarifies disclosure requirements and makes technical changes which have no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6474**

***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill makes technical changes to laws governing (1) conflicts of interest applicable to executive and managerial public housing authority employees and (2) factors housing authorities may consider in determining housing eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 1 (03/12/2013)