



General Assembly

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LCO No. 686



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 Section 8-68f of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2014*):

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

16 management of housing projects. If such housing authority or the
17 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary operates both
18 a federal and a state-assisted housing program, it shall use the same
19 procedure for hearing tenant grievances in both programs. The
20 Commissioner of Housing shall adopt regulations in accordance with
21 the provisions of chapter 54 to establish uniform minimum standards
22 for the requirements in this section. If such regulations have not been
23 adopted by October 1, 2014, the commissioner shall submit a report on
24 said date in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the joint
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
26 matters relating to housing. Such report shall detail the reasons why
27 such regulations have not been adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</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 Housing 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.]