



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 112***

LCO No. 445



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***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 Section 8-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2014*):

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] such commissioner or employee have any  
7 interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract for  
8 materials or services to be furnished or used in connection with any  
9 housing project. If any commissioner or executive or managerial  
10 employee of an authority owns or controls an interest, direct or  
11 indirect, in any property included or planned to be included in any  
12 housing project, [he] such commissioner or employee shall  
13 immediately disclose the same in writing to the authority and such  
14 disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the authority. Failure  
15 so to disclose such interest shall constitute misconduct in office.  
16 Occupancy of a dwelling unit owned by the housing authority or

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

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

26 Sec. 2. Section 8-45a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	8-42
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	8-45a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make changes to certain statutes concerning public housing.

*[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.]*