



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 57**

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Senate Bill No. 113

*Senate, March 19, 2014*

The Committee on Housing reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING HOUSING.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (14) of subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the  
2 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (14) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the  
5 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic [,  
6 community and housing] and community development, and an  
7 assessment of the department's performance in terms of meeting its  
8 stated goals and objectives.

9 Sec. 2. Section 8-37rrr of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
10 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
11 *October 1, 2014*):

12 Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the

13 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioners of  
14 Social Services, Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction  
15 Services and [the Department of] Developmental Services, shall submit  
16 a report, in accordance with the requirements of section 11-4a, on the  
17 number of departmental clients and the number who have been  
18 recipients of rental assistance certificates to the joint standing  
19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
20 relating to appropriations, housing, human services and public health.  
21 Such report shall detail the utilization of the rental assistance vouchers  
22 issued pursuant to sections 17b-811a to 17b-815, inclusive, and  
23 establish targets to ensure that rental assistance program resources are  
24 allocated in accordance with legislative intent.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 8-371l of the 2014 supplement to the  
26 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
27 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

28 (a) No state financial assistance shall be provided by the  
29 Commissioner of Housing for any housing or community  
30 development project or by the Commissioner of Economic and  
31 Community Development for any economic development project  
32 under any program administered by such commissioners unless the  
33 commissioner responsible for administering the program has first  
34 approved a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan  
35 submitted under subsection (b) of this section by the applicant seeking  
36 such financial assistance. The Commissioner of Housing and the  
37 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
38 ensure that any such plan is properly implemented for each project for  
39 which a plan is submitted.

40 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 12-170bb of the 2014 supplement to  
41 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
42 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

43 (b) In addition to the information described in subsection (a) of this  
44 section, said report pertaining to the state programs of tax reduction  
45 for elderly homeowners shall include statistics related to distribution

46 of benefits, applicable to the preceding calendar year, as follows:

47 (1) With respect to each of the [bracket] brackets of tax reduction  
 48 benefits in the following schedules, the total number of persons in the  
 49 state program of tax reduction for homeowners under section 12-170aa  
 50 who received benefits within the limits of each such bracket, including  
 51 the number of persons receiving the maximum and the minimum  
 52 amounts of tax reduction:

Amount of Tax Reduction Allowed				
	Married Homeowners		Unmarried Homeowners	
	Over	Not Exceeding	Over	Not Exceeding
T4	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)
T5	100	200	100	200
T6	200	300	200	300
T7	300	400	300	400
T8	400	500	400	500
T9	500	600	500	600
T10	600	700	600	700
T11	700	800	700	800
T12	800	900	800	900
T13	900	1,000	900	999
T14	1,000	1,100		1,000 (Maximum)
T15	1,100	1,249		
T16		1,250 (Maximum)		

53 (2) With respect to each of the brackets of benefits in the following  
 54 schedule, the total number of persons in the state tax-freeze program  
 55 for elderly homeowners under section 12-129b who received benefits  
 56 in tax reduction within the limits of each such bracket:

Amount of Tax Reduction Benefit Allowed		
	Over	Not Exceeding
T19	\$	\$ 300
T20	300	600

T21	600	900
T22	900	1,200
T23	1,200	1,500
T24	1,500	

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	32-1m(a)(14)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	8-37rrr
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	8-37ll(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	12-170bb(b)

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill has no fiscal impact by making conforming and technical changes related to the transfer of housing-related matters from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Department of Housing under PA 13-234.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 113*****AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING HOUSING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes minor changes to conform to PA 13-234, which transferred the administration of certain housing-related matters from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to the newly-established Department of Housing (DOH). Specifically, the bill eliminates the requirement that DECD's annual report to the governor and General Assembly summarize its housing development efforts. DOH has assumed authority over these functions and must, by law, report on them.

The bill also makes the DOH, rather than the DECD, commissioner responsible for ensuring that residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plans are properly implemented in connection with housing and community development projects that receive state assistance. The DECD commissioner remains responsible for ensuring that the plans are properly implemented in connection with similarly financed economic development projects.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 0 (03/06/2014)