



**AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENCE MOBILITY COUNSELING FOR
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of
2 Housing shall, within existing resources of the department, establish a
3 residence mobility counseling program to assist individuals and
4 families in relocating their residences from high poverty to low
5 poverty areas through education and support services. The
6 commissioner may contract with one or more nonprofit corporations to
7 provide such residence mobility counseling. Individuals and families
8 eligible for the residence mobility counseling program shall currently
9 have a certificate or voucher from either: (1) The federal Housing and
10 Urban Development Section 8 program, or (2) the state rental
11 assistance program.

12 (b) Counseling provided pursuant to this section shall include, but
13 need not be limited to (1) providing information regarding
14 communities, schools, employment opportunities and community
15 services available in various areas, (2) assisting with locating rental
16 housing that meets the individual's and family's needs, (3) facilitating a
17 relocation by negotiating with the current landlord about the transfer
18 of rental assistance certificates or vouchers, and with the new landlord
19 about security deposits, rental payments and acceptance of rental
20 assistance certificates or vouchers, and (4) acting as an ongoing liaison

21 between the individual and family, the landlord and the rental
22 assistance provider to ensure a successful transition and continuing
23 housing stability.

24 (c) Annually, the Commissioner of Housing shall submit a report on
25 the program to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 8-
26 37qqq of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "be receiving" was changed to "have" for clarity. In Section 1(b), "or vouchers" was added after rental assistance certificates for internal consistency. In Section 1(c), "on or before January 1, 2016," was deleted for accuracy.

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*