



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5414

LCO No. 1977



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS HOUSING AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 8-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) In exercising any powers or carrying out any authorization
4 contained in this part, a housing authority may comply with any
5 conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of this part required by
6 the federal government pursuant to federal law in any contract relating
7 to projects developed or administered under this part.

8 (b) A housing authority may exercise its powers and [may] do any
9 and all other things necessary or desirable to (1) cooperate with or
10 secure the financial aid of the federal government in the expeditious
11 development or in the administration of projects to (A) assure the
12 availability of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons engaged in
13 national defense activities, and [to] (B) house servicemen and
14 returning veterans and their families, [to] (2) act as agent or lessee for

15 the federal government in the development or administration of such
16 projects by the federal government, and [to] (3) effectuate the purposes
17 of this part. The Commissioner of Housing shall ensure that each
18 housing authority complies with any requirement of the federal
19 government that any such financial aid so secured by any such
20 housing authority is used exclusively for the purposes described in
21 subdivision (1) of this subsection. If the Commissioner of Housing
22 finds that any housing authority is not complying with any such
23 requirement, the commissioner shall immediately report such misuse
24 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
25 cognizance of matters relating to housing and veterans' and military
26 affairs.

27 (c) A housing authority may function hereunder upon a finding or
28 determination by the governing body of the municipality for which the
29 housing authority was created, which finding or determination shall
30 be in lieu of any finding or determination required by this chapter and
31 shall be conclusive in any suit, action or proceeding, that there exists or
32 impends in the locality an acute shortage of safe and sanitary
33 dwellings available to persons engaged in national defense activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	8-110

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Housing to ensure that any federal funds designated for housing of veterans, members of the armed forces and persons engaged in national defense activities are exclusively used for such purposes.

[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.]