



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 157***

LCO No. 1065



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:  
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
2 "elderly tenants" means tenants sixty-two years of age or older. The  
3 Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
4 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department on Aging, the  
5 Department of Developmental Services, the Department of  
6 Rehabilitation Services and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
7 Persons with Disabilities, shall, within available appropriations,  
8 conduct a study of public housing in the state that houses both elderly  
9 tenants and younger tenants with disabilities. The study shall include,  
10 but not be limited to: (1) Recommendations concerning the feasibility  
11 and means of providing comparable housing to tenants who are  
12 displaced due to units being reserved in such housing primarily for  
13 either the elderly or younger tenants with disabilities, (2)  
14 recommendations for the provision of additional support services  
15 needed for both elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities,  
16 (3) an estimate of any additional state appropriations needed to

17 implement any recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2)  
18 of this subsection, (4) an assessment of support services available to  
19 assist elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities and any  
20 gaps in such services, and (5) a summary of the number of negative  
21 incidents between elderly tenants and younger tenants with  
22 disabilities from calendar years 2011 to 2015, inclusive, and the  
23 number of evictions related to such incidents.

24 (b) On or before December 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Housing  
25 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
26 general statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing  
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
28 relating to housing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.

*[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.]*